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Telephone Numbers

Administration-	
Selectmen-Town Administrator	924-8000
Community Development	
Code Officer	924-8030
Planning and Zoning	924-8035
Finance Department	
Tax Collector and Utility Bill Questions	924-8020
Finance Director	924-8005
Fire Department Non Emergency	924-8090
Human Services	924-8025
Library	924-8040
Police Department Non Emergency	924-8050
Public Works Department	
Public Works Director's Office	924-8008
Public Works Garage	924-8009
Recycling Center	924-8095
Utilities other than billing Questions	924-8530
Recreation Department	
Recreation Director's Office	924-8080
Thomas-Marshall Park at Cunningham Pond	924-8055
Town Clerk	924-8010

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Edward J. Lobacki

Catharine Sage

Stanley W. Peters

A Tribute to Ed, Catharine and Stan

As the Town changes, and new citizens assume responsibilities in Town Government, it's nevertheless sad to see other men and women who have long served our community, and to whom we all owe much gratitude, for them to depart our midst. 1997 was a particularly difficult year with the death of three former Selectmen, all my peers at the Town House and all with whom I had the pleasure of serving.

Edward J. Lobacki (1961-1971) died on March 28, 1997, Stanley W. Peters (1979-1985-1989-1992) passed away on August 17, 1997; Catharine Sage (1967-1968) died September 30, 1997. I have fond memories of each of them, Ed Lobacki for his determination in seeing the community's most costly, and upsetting, Public Project, the Town Sewer System; to a successful conclusion in 1972. Catharine Sage, the First woman to be elected Selectman, for her forthrightness, and sense of humor and Stan Peters, also my colleague in the state legislature, steady, reliable, one who inspired confidence and never backed away from a difficult decision.

I could say more about my late friends, how Ed had to watch over his 5,000 "employees" on the egg farm, and his distinguished service as a county commissioner; about Catharine Sage's activities with the local democratic committee, and lectures in business law at Nathaniel Hawthorn College; and Stan Peters' service as a member of the Peterborough and Conval School Board and his association with the A.W. Peters, Inc. Stan's great talent was being a good listener, getting to the heart of a question, and working out a solution.

Ed, Catharine, and Stan may have thought differently on some issues, but together they were models of what has historically made Peterborough " A Good Town to Live In". they loved their community, and our community feels their loss. Bless each of you.

Merton S. Dyer
Fire Chief 1966-1978
Selectman 1984-1993

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Listing of Elected and Appointed Officers and Committee Members

Office or Committee Name of Officer/Committee Member	Appointed (A) Elected (E)	Term Ends
Animal Control Officers:		
Peterborough Police Officers	(A)	No Term
Board of Adjustment		
Aasgaard, Anna	(A)	2000
Blanchette, David	(A)	1998
Callahan, James	(A)	1998
Dietsch, Jeanne	(A)	2000
Lawn, Gregory	(A)	1999
Stanek, Mary E.	(A)	2000
Budget Committee		
Allen, Jefferson K.	(E)	1999
Bryant, Stephen H.	(E)	1999
Estey, Karen	(E)	2000
Harris, Bertha	(E)	1998
Henkel, Stephanie	(E)	2000
Kemp, Gordon	(E)	1998
Lodge, Gloria	(E)	2000
Sullivan, Paul	(E)	1998
Thompson, Douglas	(A)	1998
Capital Improvement Committee		
Adler, Richard	(A)	1998
Dunn, Whalen	(A)	1998
Fry, Stanley	(A)	1998
Harris, Bertha	(A)	1998
Jones, Timothy	(A)	1998
Kemp, Gordon	(A)	1998
Pelletier, Peter	(A)	1998
Cemetery Trustees		
Hall, Joanne	(E)	1998
Lambert, Robert	(E)	1999
Paradise, Leonard	(E)	2000
Checklist Supervisors		
Bryant, Nancy	(E)	2002
Sweet, Denise	(E)	1998
Sweet, William	(E)	2000
Civil Defense		
Fire Chief	(A)	No Term

Listing of Elected and Appointed Officers and Committee Members

Office or Committee Name of Officer/Committee Member	Appointed (A) Elected (E)	Term Ends
Conflict of Interest/Ethics Committee		
Baum, David	(A)	1998
Fernald, Richard	(A)	1998
Peterson, Walter	(A)	1998
Smith, Leo	(A)	1998
Thomas, Elizabeth	(A)	1998
Wheeler, James	(A)	1998
Williams, Douglas	(A)	1998
Conservation Commission		
Estes, Richard	(A)	1999
Farr-Szep, Mary Pat	(A)	1998
Mansfield, Susan	(A)	1999
Owen, Catherine	(A)	2000
Pendleton, Richard	(A)	1998
Stephenson, David	(A)	1999
Von Mertens, Frances	(A)	2000
Wood, Dana	(A)	1998
Contoocook River Advisory		
Monahan, Sharon	(A)	2001
Economic Development Authority		
Dawes, Ted	(A)	1999
Dunn, Whalen	(A)	1998
Eneguess, Katharine	(A)	1998
Juengst, Ed	(A)	2000
Pelletier, Peter	(A)	1998
Sobe, David	(A)	2000
Fence Viewers		
Grant, C. James	(E)	1998
Henkel, Stephanie	(E)	1998
Wilder, Robert	(E)	1998
Library Trustees		
Duncanson, Joann	(E)	2000
Jones, Margaret	(E)	1998
McCarthy, John	(E)	1999
Lighting Committee		
Barnes, Lawrence	(A)	1998
Brenner, Pamela	(A)	1998
Dunbar, Andrew	(A)	1998
McCall, Bruce	(A)	1998
Phillips-Hungerford, Susan	(A)	1998

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Office or Committee Name of Officer/Committee Member	Appointed (A) Elected (E)	Term Ends
Lighting Committee Continued:		
Sobe, David	(A)	1998
Von Mertens, Frances	(A)	1998
Long Range Planning		
Adler, Richard	(A)	1999
Buxton, Richard	(A)	2000
Campbell, Laura	(A)	1998
Reilly, David	(A)	1998
Shea, James	(A)	2000
Weir, David	(A)	2000
Wheeler, James	(A)	2000
Moderator		
Peterson, Walter	(E)	1998
Parks Committee		
Duhaime, Carmen	(A)	1999
Phillips-Hungerford, Susan*	(A)	1998
Stoops, Ward	(A)	2000
Planning Board		
Dunn, Whalen	(A)	2000
Lanthier, Mary	(A)	1999
LaRoche, C. Peter	(A)	2000
MacDonald, Leandra	(A)	1999
Morrow, Edgar	(A)	1998
Patterson, John	(A)	1998
Pelletier, Peter	(A)	1999
Sterling, George	(A)	1999
Recreation Committee		
Burbank, Dean	(E)	1998
David, Richard	(E)	1998
Scanlon, James	(E)	1999
Smith, Glenn	(E)	1999
Weeks, Todd	(E)	2000
Recycling Committee		
Barker, Ted	(A)	1997
Chase, Ed	(A)	1997
Henkel, Stephanie	(A)	1997
Irwin, David	(A)	1997
Lawn, James	(A)	1997
Mahoney, Carol	(A)	1997
Mansfield, Susan	(A)	1997

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Recycling Committee Continued:		
Patten, Roland	(A)	1997
Stone, Alan	(A)	1997
Riverwalk Committee		
Armer, Bruce	(A)	1999
Barbour, Dianne	(A)	1999
Corwin, Swift	(A)	1998
DePratti, Norman	(A)	2000
Duerig, William	(A)	1998
MacDonald, Leandra	(A)	2000
Toumanoff, George	(A)	2000
Wakefield, Ray	(A)	1999
Selectmen		
Leedham, Charles	(E)	1999
Patten, Roland	(E)	2000
Ross, Lawrence	(E)	1998
Southwest Regional Planning Commission		
Fernald, Richard	(A)	2001
Town Counsel		
Byk, Joseph	(A)	No Term
Town Treasurer		
Christian, Kenneth	(E)	2000
Water and Sewer Commissioners		
The Board of Selectmen		No Term
Department Heads and Associated Personnel		
Community Development Director		Ryner, Peter
Finance Director		Vaihinger, Nancie
Fire Chief		Black, Stephen
1st Deputy Fire Chief		Winters, Bradley
2nd Deputy Fire Chief		Stickney, Ronald
Ambulance Coordinator		Thibault, Julie
Human Services Director		Lenane, James
Library Director		Geisel, Ann
Assistant Director		Kepner, Linda
Police Department		
Chief of Police		Guinard, Scott
Lieutenant		McCall, Bruce
Seargent		Belletete, Ernest

Listing of Elected and Appointed Officers and Committee Members

Office or Committee Name of Officer/Committee Member	Appointed (A) Elected (E)	Term Ends
Public Works Department		
Director		Chase, Edward
Highway Superintendent		Merrifield, Lawrence
Recycling Manager		Wetherbee, A. Carl
Water and Wastewater Superintendent		Bates, Ray
Recreation Department		
Director		Jutras, Roland
Program Director		Hamill, Kristen
Tax Collector		Christian, Ronald
Town Administrator		Brenner, Pamela
Assistant Town Administrator		Hadley, Dana
Town Clerk		Lambert, Robert

Memorial Day - Peterborough, 1997

Report of the Results of the Town Meeting 1997

Article 1 Choose Town Officers. (By Official Ballot)

Article 2 Zoning Ordinances amended as proposed by Planning Board and others. (By Official Ballot)

Article 3 To amend to modify the elderly exemption. (By Official Ballot)

Article 4 The Town voted to raise $200,000 for construction of a recycling facility and authorized the issuance of not more than $200,000 of bonds or notes.-*Motion Passed*

By 2/3 floor ballot vote.

Article 5 To enter into a contract with Waste Management for the privatization of the recycling center.-Motion Lost.

Article 6 To vote to raise the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand-Five Hundred Dollars ($39,500) to purpose equipment for the recycling center. Motion Passed.

Article 7 To adopt the provision of RSA 261:153V and RSA 149 M-18 to create a town reclamation trust fund to pay for the town's vehicle waste and for recycling and reclamation of solid waste.-Motion passed as amended.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) to make the necessary repairs and purchase of equipment for the operation of the recycling center. Motion to postpone indefinitely.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to establish a committee of not more than nine (9) people to study and recommend in writing procedure for the disposal of solid waste. Motion passed as amended.

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollar ($34,500) for the purpose of capital maintenance improvements at the library. Motion passed.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Dollars ($48,000) for improvement, new sidewalks for the downtown area with the Downtown 2000 Corporation providing matching funds for park construction, landscaping and lighting. Motion passed by ballot.

Article 12 To appropriate and raise the sum of Thirty One Thousand Thirty Two Dollars ($31,032.00) for the purpose of purchase one new Police Cruiser and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a two year lease purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing a second police Cruiser. Motion Passed.

Article 13 To raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) to repair and reconstruct the Town's storm drainage system. Motion Passed.

Article 14 To appropriate and raise the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars ($35,540.00) for the first year's payment of a three year lease purchase agreement. Motion Passed.

Article 15 To appropriate and raise the sum of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($11,800.00) to purchase playground equipment using proceeds from the Albert W. Noone Fund. Motion Passed

Article 16 To appropriate and raise the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for to support the Peterborough Arts Festival. Motion Passed

Article 17 To see if the Town would authorize the Board of Selectmen to convert the town's municipal street lighting to a more efficient, lower cost system, amended that a committee would be appointed to review and present to the Town its recommendation. Motion Passed.

Article 18 To appropriate and raise the sum of Four Million Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Dollars ($4,046,524.00) that represents the operating budget, amended to raise the budget by Thirty Thousand Dollars for a total of Four Million Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Dollars ($4,076,524.00) for addition to the Community Development line item to conduct a feasibility study on all available industrial land. Motion Passed as amended.

Article 19 To adopt recommendation of the Ambulance User Fee Study Committee for charges for Ambulance Use. Motion Passed.

Article 20 To appropriate and raise the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars ($455,640.00) for the operation of the Water Department to be offset by revenue from user fees. Motion Passed

Article 21 To raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Three Dollars ($356,873.00) for the operation of the waste water department to be offset by revenue from user fees. Motion Passed.

Article 22 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift and interest in land for purposed of effectuating the master parking, road and walk way and recreational plan known as Depot Square. Motion Passed.

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to re-classify Old Route 202- on property owned HanSul, Inc.-Motion Passed.

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions to authorize the library trustees to accept gift of personal property other than money.-Motion Passed

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to adopt an ordinance relative and regulating a conflict of interest for local officer and employees.- Amended to see if the town will vote to direct the Board of

Selectmen to draft an ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees. Motion Passed.

Article 26 To see if the town will propose that the third Monday in January be recognized as Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Right Day, amended to read Civil Rights Day to honor Martin Luther King, Jr., Jonathan M. Daniels and all those who have worked for civil rights in the nation.-Motion Passed

Article 27 To hear reports of agents, auditors and committees.-Motion Passed.

Article 28 To transact any other business. To see if the Town favors having the Board of Selectmen develop a plan for a telecommunication services aggregation for the Town-Motion Passed.

Summary of Inventory Valuation (MS-1)

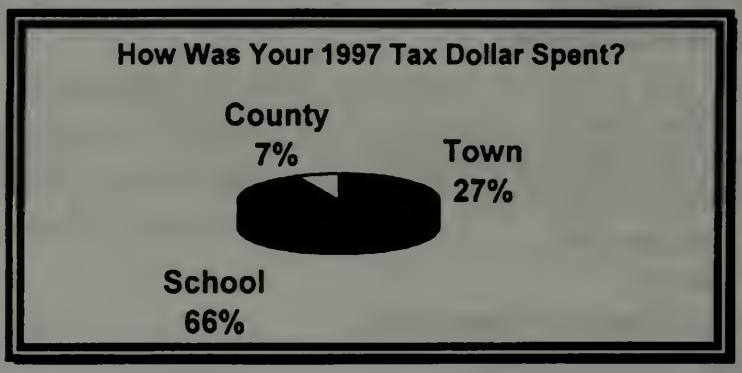
Value of Land Only		
Current Use Land /	13,597 acres	1,253,300
Conservation Restriction	281 acres	24,240
Residential		60,212,030
Commercial / Industrial		16,346,400
Total Value of Land		**77,835,970**
Value of Buildings Only		
Residential		181,484,010
Manufactured Housing		119,200
Commercial / Industrial		71,307,310
Total Value of Buildings		**252,910,520**
Public Utilities - Electric		5,205,200
Total Valuation Before exemptions		**335,951,690**
Blind Exemption (3 @ 15,000)		-45,000
Elderly Exemption (50)		-2,992,300
Solar Power (29)		-197,510
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		**-3,234,810**
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed		**332,716,880**

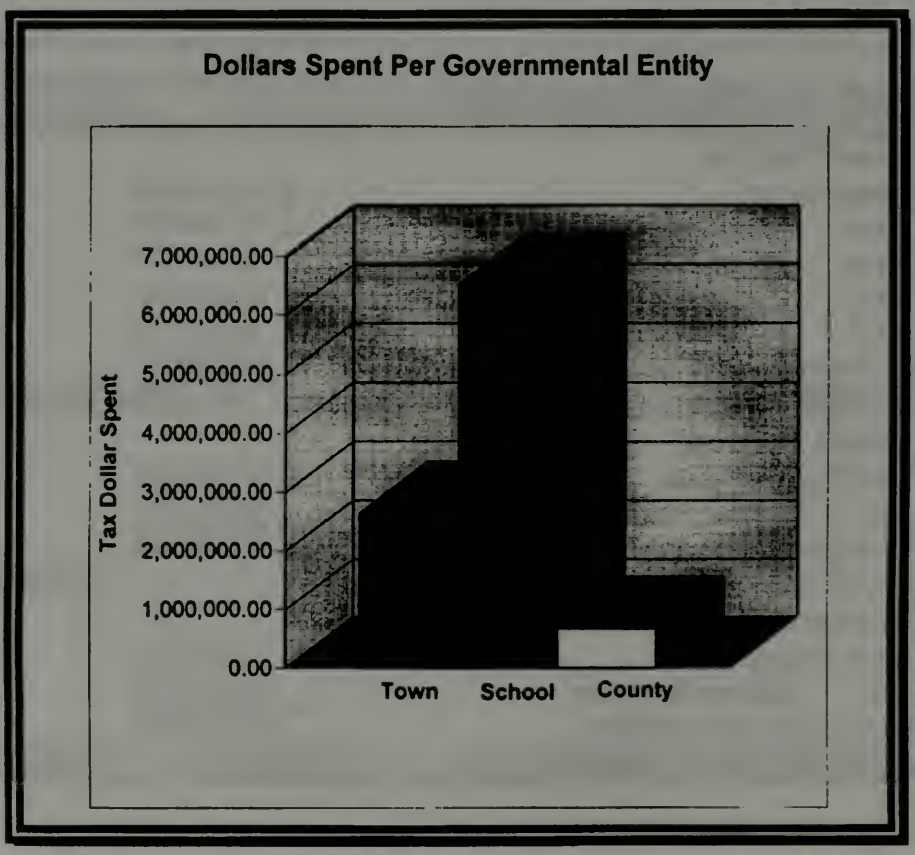
1997 Tax Rate Calculations

Town Portion		
Appropriations	5,314,409.00	
Less: Town Revenues	-2,750,849.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	-104,855.00	
Add: Overlay	149,300.00	
Add: War Service Credits	40,140.00	
Net Town Appropriation	**2,648,145.00**	
Municipal Tax Rate Per Thousand		7.96
School Portion		
Due to School District	6,851,669.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	-326,319.00	
Net School Appropriation	**6,525,350.00**	
School District Tax Rate per thousand		19.61
County Portion		
Due to County	730,587.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	-39,027.00	
Net County Appropriation	**691,560.00**	
County Tax Rate Per Thousand		2.08

1997 Tax Rate Calculations (continued)		
Total Property Taxes Assessed	9,865,066.00	
Less War Service Credits	-40,140.00	
Total Property Tax Commitment	**9,824,915.00**	
Combined Tax Rate per thousand		29.65

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Property Taxes To Be Raised
332,716,880	X	29.65	9,685, 055.00





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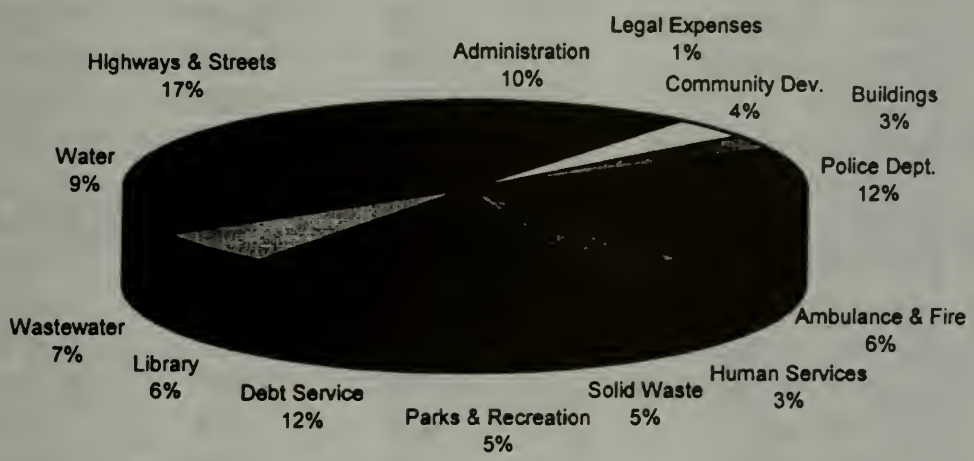

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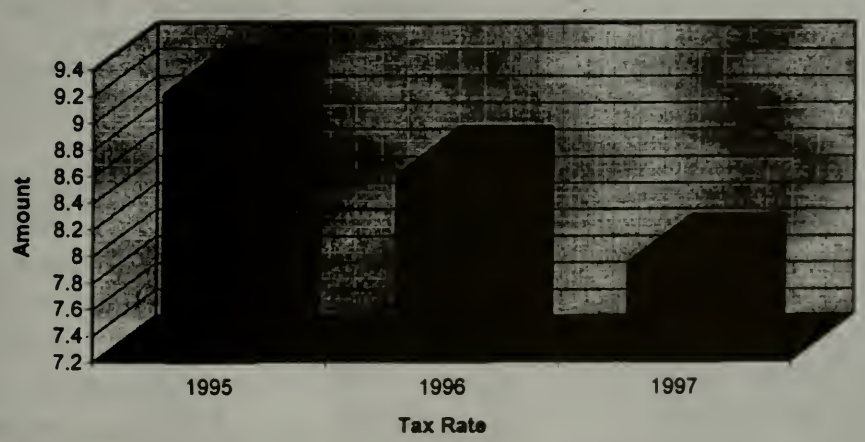

FINANCE ADMINISTRATION			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	175,697	175,130	191,623
Benefits	0	0	43,439
Equip. Maintenance	5,000	3,419	3,500
Communication	10,250	9,925	16,910
Supplies	12,000	11,385	4,000
Staff Development	9,481	9,957	11,382
Computer Services	2,000	1,941	4,813
Audit	5,000	5,263	5,000
Microfilm	1,200	0	1800
Assessing	3,500	5,977	5,000
Election Expense	2,000	1,467	4,875
Dues & Publications	4,700	4,886	5,445
Miscellaneous	425	708	700
Capital Outlay	0	515	3,095
Total Appropriation:	**231,253**	**230,573**	**301,582**
Revenues	6,602	11,611	10,000

ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	35,243	34,556	35,610
Benefits	0	0	10,515
Equip. Maintenance	600	507	250
Communication	1,360	924	2,650
Supplies	0	335	1,350
Staff Development	1,055	1,020	1,055
Computer Services	0	0	1,500
Miscellaneous	480	115	230
Capital Outlay	5,000	4,990	1,270
Total Appropriation:	**43,738**	**42,447**	**54,430**
Revenues	605,500	639,300	605,500

MISCELLANEOUS			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Patriotic Purposes	1,200	1,557	4,500
Legal Fees	50,000	68,496	50,000
Park Maintenance	4,000	4,092	3,000
Arts Festival	5,000	5,000	2,500
Street Lighting	48,820	54,444	56,213
Total Appropriation:	**109,020**	**133,589**	**116,213**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS			
Account	Original budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	31,979	37,105	40,952
Benefits	0	36	14,304
Maintenance	10,000	8,749	5,132
Utilities	76,764	78,960	29,500
Communication	30,000	33,889	0
Supplies	5,500	5,178	5,000
Staff Development	0	164	1,400
Outside Services	0	0	4,400
Acoustic Curtains	0	0	20,580
Capital Outlay	0	0	7,000
Total Appropriation:	**154,243**	**164,081**	**128,268**

POLICE			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	495,745	488,658	457,180
Benefits	0	0	79,419
Maintenance	6,400	5,021	24,500
Utilities	0	0	23,900
Communication	4,200	2,598	15,150
Prosecutor	0	0	25,000
Staff Development	9,000	1,877	5,000
Supplies	3,000	1,337	4,600

POLICE			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Dispatch Services	10,500	8,741	10,500
Professional Services	9,500	7,524	3,000
Dues & Publications	3,300	3,349	2,500
Uniforms	6,000	11,174	6,500
Crime & Firearms	4,800	3,004	4,500
Miscellaneous	1,200	912	1,000
Capital Outlay	4,900	1,408	2,000
Total Appropriation:	**558,545**	**535,603**	**664,749**
Revenues	49,117	49,301	[illegible]

AMBULANCE			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	48,382	43,900	48,493
Benefits	0	0	4,128
Maintenance	2,388	1,835	4,453
Utilities	0	0	3,753
Communication	0	228	1,065
Supplies	5,150	4,405	5,000
Staff Development	6,850	4,186	6,000
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
Ambulance / Purchase	35,771	34,041	34,041
Total Appropriation:	**98,541**	**88,595**	**106,933**
Revenues	70,000	64,302	113,102

DEBT SERVICE			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Gen. Oblig. (Prin)	355,000	355,000	453,625
Gen Oblig. (Int.)	135,193	135,193	135,888
Tax Anticipation	5,000	0	5,000
Total Appropriation:	**495,193**	**490,193**	**594,513**

FIRE			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	89,167	83,669	87,737
Benefits	0	0	13,782
Maintenance	39,272	51,010	42,507
SWFMA	12,500	12,017	12,100
Utilities	125	166	8,238
Communication	536	478	1,308
Supplies	6,500	5,052	6,000
Staff Development	5,000	4,345	4,500
Dues	297	297	297
Insurance	461	477	477
Clothing	4,000	1,971	3,500
Miscellaneous	3,120	3,410	3,250
Compliance	7,500	5,985	7,500
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
Total Appropriation:	**168,478**	**168,877**	**191,196**
Revenues	11,267	11,342	12,951

CEMETERY			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	1,500	1,500	1,500
Benefits	0	0	180
Maintenance	23,500	21,321	27,000
Grave Openings	8,050	5,865	8,050
Communication	50	2	50
Professional Services	1,000	170	500
Supplies	1,600	448	1,550
Miscellaneous	450	130	300
Capital Outlay	3,500	481	2,500
Total Appropriation:	**39,650**	**29,917**	**41,630**
Revenues	22,292	27,127	24,550

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	115,686	113,283	123,609
Benefits	0	0	29,045
Equip. Maintenance	720	773	2,020
Communication	5,300	3,215	8,350
Supplies	1,000	777	4,000
Staff Development	5,550	4,571	4,000
Professional Services	30,500	15,787	4,000
Computer Services	0	0	7,000
Long Range Plan.	6,000	6,677	0
Dues & Publications	7,964	7,831	10,229
Miscellaneous	1,100	739	900
Capital Outlay	700	446	3,014
Total Appropriation:	**174,520**	**154,099**	**196,167**
Revenues	15,543	16,670	15,500

HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	309,930	332,047	332,432
Benefits	1,921	1,079	102,181
Maintenance	47,500	15,385	35,000
Rentals	42,000	58,154	50,000
Utilities	24,500	32,615	26,900
Communication	675	946	3,600
Supplies	170,944	155,376	145,710
Staff Development	2,950	3,921	3,625
Capital Outlay	25,000	36,791	17,500
Highway Subsidy	111,175	111,175	126,054
Total Appropriation:	**736,595**	**747,489**	**843,002**
Revenues	1,971	3,420	2,000

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Benefits	374,850	400,978	0
Total Appropriation:	**374,850**	**400,978**	**0**

INSURANCE & BONDS			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Insurance Package	71,000	67,774	71,000
Unemployment Comp.	0	0	2,200
Worker's Compensation	70,000	61,758	70,500
Risk Management	6,000	5,980	6,500
Total Appropriation:	**147,000**	**135,512**	**150,200**
Revenues	71,956	82,200	85,000

RECREATION			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1997
Salary	140,111	140,711	143,218
Benefits	0	0	26,193
Maintenance	16,198	15,271	18,257
Rentals/Prof. Services	5,997	5,254	6,188
Utilities	0	0	15,390
Communication	1,100	135	3,810
Staff Development	1,900	2,095	1,669
Supplies	6,565	7,626	7,523
Dues & Publications	440	413	407
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
Grant- Park Shelter			19,280
Total Appropriation:	**172,311**	**171,505**	**241,935**
Revenues	2,270	2,920	21,880

RECYCLING			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	98,875	98,148	99,957
Benefits	300	169	21,174
Maintenance	3,800	1673	6,000
Tipping Fees	57,500	58,044	55,000
Rentals/Prof. Services	10,600	10,708	12,700
Utilities	0	2,200	9,250
Communication	0	53	800
Supplies	4,500	8,633	9,500
Staff Development	600	686	850
Capital Outlay	0	74	25,000
Total Appropriation:	**176,175**	**180,388**	**240,231**
Revenues	45,842	47,006	60,059

HUMAN SERVICES			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	8,936	8,912	9,203
Benefits	0	0	2,407
Supplies & Comm.	150	96	1,200
Staff Development	650	661	650
Miscellaneous	0	248	300
Direct Relief	115,000	107,310	110,000
Emergency Shelter	1,000	0	1,000
Senior Nutrition Prog.	3,500	3,500	3,500
Home Health Care	10,000	8,599	10,000
Family & Mental Hlth.	5,360	5,360	5,360
Day Care Center	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Appropriation	**146,596**	**136,686**	**145,620**
Revenues	4,036	4,036	2,000

LIBRARY			
Account	Original budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	199,358	197,601	207,317
Benefits	0	0	46,420
Maintenance	4,500	2,946	1,600
Professional Services	3,100	1,714	2,900
Utilities	0	0	11,100
Communication	1,800	1,604	4,000
Supplies	39,500	38,241	44,250
Staff Development	1,000	1,101	1,000
Technology Update	5,000	4,431	5,000
Dues	450	490	500
Total Appropriation:	**254,708**	**248,128**	**324,087**
Revenues	53,000	53,035	53,000

SETTLEMENT			
Account	Original budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	0	71,500	0
Retirement	0	2,726	0
Total Expense	**0**	**74,226**	**0**

WATER			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	102,940	121,389	109,953
Benefits	25,000	29,520	28,068
Maintenance	19,500	20,988	15,350
Rentals / Prof. Services	14,500	12,069	38,000
Utilities	91,200	69,974	92,300
Communication	3,900	3,161	4,750
Supplies	29,000	21,226	25,300
Staff Development	2,600	2,794	3,500
Computer Services	4,500	3,386	3,500
Audit	1,000	1,100	1,000
Insurance	5,500	11,763	10,500
Interest On Notes	6,000	7,149	6,000
Capital Outlay	150,000	170,939	102,500
Total Appropriation:	**455,640**	**475,458**	**440,721**
Revenues	455,640	475,458	440,721

WASTEWATER			
Account	Original Budget 1997	Amount Expended 1997	Requested 1998
Salary	101,940	75,607	99,491
Benefits	20,983	20,298	22,051
Maintenance	23,500	26,764	25,800
Rentals / Prof. Services	8,250	1,418	6,500
Utilities	51,700	43,194	52,800
Communication	2,650	1,568	2,650
Supplies	18,600	16,385	17,300
Staff Development	2,000	2,039	3,000
Audit	1,000	1,100	1,000
Computer Services	4,500	3,083	3,500
Insurance	3,750	7,746	7,250
Interest On Notes	23,000	20,878	15,000
Capital Outlay	95,000	62,407	97,500
Total Appropriation:	**356,873**	**282,487**	**353,842**
Revenues	356,873	282,487	353,842

	Prinicipal Maturity Date	Annual Principal Due	Annual Interest Due
Starkweather/Police Bond - 01/15/95	1/15/98	235,000	73,868
8%	1/15/99	235,000	58,123
5.4%	1/15/00	235,000	45,433
	1/15/01	235,000	32,625
5.5%	1/15/02	230,000	19,694
5.625%	1/15/03	230,000	6,613
Town House/Recreation Renovation Bond - 08/15/95	8/15/98	115,000	36,225
5.25%	8/15/99	115,000	30,188
	8/15/00	115,000	24,150
	8/15/01	115,000	18,113
5.35%	8/15/02	115,000	12,075
	8/15/03	115,000	6,038
Closure of Landfills - 11/1/96	11/1/98	38,889	9,800
2.8%	11/1/99	38,889	8,711
	11/1/00	38,889	7,622
	11/1/01	38,889	6,533
	11/1/02	38,889	5,444
	11/1/03	38,889	4,356
	11/1/04	38,889	3,267
	11/1/05	38,889	2,178
	11/1/06	38,889	1,089
Recycling Center - 12/16/97	11/5/98	25,000	12,000
6%	11/5/99	25,000	10,500
	11/5/00	25,000	9,000
	11/5/01	25,000	7,500
	11/5/02	25,000	6,000
	11/5/03	25,000	4,500
	11/5/04	25,000	3,000
	11/5/05	25,000	1,500
Highway Dump Truck - 05/27/97	5/27/98	29,444	3,965
6.52%	5/27/99	31,364	2,045
Police Cruiser - 05-12-97			
6.45%	5/12/98	10,292	624

Water Department
Outstanding Bonds and Notes
December 31, 1997

1986 Water Note 4.8% for 20 Years
Review of Interest Annually

Original Amount	78,090.00
Scott Mitchell Road, $3,904.50 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	35,043.16

1987 Water Note 7% for 20 Years
Interest Review Every 5 Years

Original Amount	16,660.00
Route 202-South-Han-Sul $833.00 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	8,330.00

1987 Water Note 7% for 20 Years
Interest Review Every 5 Years

Original Amount	13,000.00
North Peterborough Investment Corporation Gray Hill Road, $650.00 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	0.00

1989 Water Note 6.76 % for 20 Years
Review Note Every 5 Years

Original Amount	17,954.00
Union Street-Hanson $897.70 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	10,772.40

1993 Water Note 5.75% for 20 Years

Original Amount	43,326.00
Summerhill Nursing Home-Old Dublin Road $2,166.30 to be paid on principal each year plus interest	
Balance of Note	34,660.80

1995 Water Note 6.50% for 20 Years

Original Amount	13,347.00
Hansul, Inc.-South Peterborough Guaranteed Mainline	
$667.35 to be paid on principal each year plus interest	
Balance of Note	12,012.30

Sewer Department
Outstanding Bonds and Notes
December 31, 1996

1977 Sewer Note 7 1/2% for 20 Years

Original Amount	11,658.00
73 Magazine, Inc. Guaranteed Mainline Extension $582.90 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	0.00

1980 Sewer Note 7 1/2% for 20 Years

Original Amount	27,300.00
Keenan Drive Guaranteed Mainline Extension $1,365.00 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	0.00

1986 Sewer Note 8% for 20 Years

Original Amount	10,728.00
Korpi, South Peterborough Guaranteed Mainline Extension, $536.40 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest.	
Balance of Note	4,823.14

1987 Sewer Note 7% for 20 Years

Original Amount	57,000.00
Old Dublin Road, Guaranteed Mainline Extension $712.50 to be paid each quarter plus Interest	
Balance of Note	7,306.50

1987 Sewer Note 7% for 20 Years

Original Amount	93,470.00
The Willows, Wilton Road, Guaranteed Mainline Extension, $1.168.38 to be paid each quarter on principal Plus Interest	
Balance of Note	46,734.80

1988 Sewer Note 7 1/2% for 20 Years
Interest Reveiw Every 5 years

Original Amount	24,965.00

Hunt Road, Guaranteed Mainline Extension
$2,419.88 (Principal and Interest) due each year.

Balance of Note	14,156.16

1989 Sewer Note 6.76% for 20 Years
Interest Reveiw Every 5 Years

Original Amount	42,518.00

Hanson-Union Street, Guaranteed Mainline Extension
$2,125.90 Due on principal each year plus Interest

Balance of Note	25,510.80

1989 Sewer Note 6.76% 20 Years
Interest Review every 5 Years

Original Amount	278,982.00

Cheney Avenue Guaranteed Mainline Extension
$8,750.70 Due Each Year plus Interest

Balance Due	60,145.60

1989 Sewer Note 7.05% for 20 Years
Interest Review every 5 Years

Original Amount	110,000.00

East Hill road Guaranteed Mainline Extension
$3,571.52 due on principal plus Interest

Balance of Note	28,394.57

1989 Sewer Note 7.74% for 20 Years
Interest Review every 5 Years

Original Amount	21,300.00

Kaufmann Drive Extension Guaranteed Mainline
$501.10 Due on Principal each year plus Interest

Balance of Note	2,654.23

1993 Sewer Note 5.5% for 20 Years

Original Amount	121,934.00

Summerhill Nursing Home, Mainline Extension
$6,096.70 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest

Balance of Note	97,547.20

1995 Sewer Note 6.25% for 20 Years

Original Amount	60,022.00
Hansul, Inc.-South Peterborough Guaranteed Mainline	
$3,001.10 to be paid on principal plus Interest	
Balance of Note	54,019.00

List of Town Owned Properties

Map and Lot Number	Location	Description	Assessment
R01 -28	East Mountain Road	Land	71,100
R01 -29	East Mountain Road	Land	178,200
R01 -39	Cunningham Pond Road	Recreation Park	73,000
R02 -10	Wilton Road	Pond Tank	171,900
R02 -22	Old Street Road	Land	30,800
R03 -21	Jaffrey Road	Land	100
R03 -39	Old Sharon Road	Land	28,600
R03 -39A	Old Sharon Road	Land	30,000
R04 -4-1	Old Jaffrey Road	Land	132,000
R04 -4-6	Old Jaffrey Road	Land	60,800
R05 -18	Sand Hill Road	Water Tank	393,900
R08 -18	Hancock Road	Land	38,400
R11 -11B	Middle Hancock Road	Land	6,000
R11 -11E	Middle Hancock Road	Land	14,500
R11 -16	Hancock Road	Land	111,300
R11 -16A	Hancock Road	Land	5,400
R11 -23	Hancock Road	Land	200
R11 -25	Hancock Road	Land	97,600
R11 -25A	Hancock Road	Land	54,200
R11 -28	Hancock Road	Land	50,800
R11 -39	Hancock Road	Land	66,600
R11 -42	Scott Mitchell Road	Land	66,600
R11 -49	Hancock Road	Land	55,500
R11 -50-1	Hancock Road	Land	1,200
R11 -35	Hancock Road	Land	1,400
R11 -36	Scott Mitchell Road	Recycling Center	111,600
R11 -41	Hancock Road	Land	13,600
R12 -13-33	Brian Road	Land	31,900
R12 -15B	Burke Road	Land	23,100
R12 -45	Greenfield Road	Land	1,400
R12 -60	Gulf Road	Land	42,000
R12 -61	Gulf Road	Land	30,700
U01 -2A	Wilton Road	Land	49,100
U02 -04	Cheney Avenue	Water Tank	411,400
U02 -40	Cheney Avenue	Land	62,100
U02 -45	Cheney Avenue	Land	28,600
U04	Old Street Road	Cemetery	25,400
U02 -04	Cheney Avenue	Water Tank	411,400

Map and Lot Number	Location	Description	Assessment
U08 -04	Hunt Road	Land	2,900
U08 -26	Hunt Road	Land	1,700
U08 -27	Greenfield Road	Land	400
U08 -34A	Greenfield Road	Land	82,600
U08 -34B	Old Greenfield Road	Land	100
U08 -34C	Greenfield Road	Land	4,900
U09 -29	Pheasant Road	Land	200
U09 -30	Pheasant Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	48,600
U10 -35	Nichols Road	Land	37,200
U10 -37	Nichols Road	Land	65,700
U10	Keenan Drive	Land	29,200
U11 -11	Hunt Road	Flowage Rights	N/V
U11 -6A	Summer Street	Well	43,400
U14 -10	Summer Street	Land	200
U14 -11	Summer Street	Land	54,400
U15	Sand Hill Road	Cemetery	135,000
U16	Concord Street	Cemetery	34,100
U16 -47	Summer Street	Land	900
U17 -21	Grove Street	GAR Hall	178,300
U17 -20	Grove Street	Land	100
U17 -46	Grove Street	Putnam Park	67,200
U17 -52	Grove Street	Town House	901,000
U17 -71	Depot Street	Parking Lot	51,600
U17 -124	Summer Street	Fire Museum	72,700
U17 -125	Summer Street	Fire Station	415,500
U17 -126	Summer Street	Land	700
U17 -139	Concord Street	Library	691,800
U18 -114	Grove Street	Land	1,400
U18 -115	Grove Street	Police Station	298,100
U19 -on 2	Wilton Road	Pump House	800
U22 -50	Old Dublin Road	Land	100
U23 -33	Elm Street	Public Works Garage	380,000
U24 -8	Union Street	Recreation Field	74,300
U24 -10	Union Street	Recreation Offices	286,700
U25 -3	MacDowell Road	Land	98,600
U30 -2	Union Street	Land	29,400
U32 -13A	May Street	Water Tank	212,200

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February 6, 1998

Board of Selectmen
Town of Peterborough
Peterborough, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Peterborough, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1997, we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. This letter does not affect our report dated February 6, 1998, on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Peterborough, New Hampshire.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Town personnel and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

DRAFT SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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PRACTICE SECTION

CURRENT YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOWN GENERAL FUND:

MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Finding -To ensure effective cash and internal control, to confirm that all receipts and disbursements have bee on the general ledger and to produce meaningful, useful and reliable monthly reports for the use of Town man it is important that all cash accounts on the general ledger be reviewed and reconciled to the bank monthly. W during our cash audit procedures that not all of the bank accounts were being reconciled timely at the end of e month.

Recommendation -It is extremely important that the general ledger cash account be reconciled to the Treasurer reconciliation monthly with all necessary adjustments posted timely. We noted during the course of our audit all required monthly reconciliations were being done timely.

Benefit - Monthly reconciliations of the cash accounts are crucial in maintaining the overall integrity of the ac system. Without such proofs, errors could occur in posting that would not be caught until the year end audit. monthly reconciliations are a crucial part of the control process to ensure that City management and City Coun receive accurate monthly reports that they can use to make the necessary management and financial decisions.

Management's Comments - The Selectmen have authorized an article at Town Meeting to appoint a Deputy To Treasurer. If it passes, one of the duties of the Deputy will be to reconcile bank statements on a regular basis, as being a backup to the Town Treasurer if he is away.

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STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOWN GENERAL FUND:

ACCOUNTING FOR ENCUMBRANCES

Finding/Recommendation - Prior year's encumbrances were reported as fund equity accounts on the appropriation reports, i.e., they had a beginning balance from the prior year, which, as a result, caused available fund balance to be misstated on the general ledger. We had recommended that prior year's encumbrances be reported at the end of the appropriation reports in a separate department. Rather than reporting a beginning balance for the encumbrances, a budget entry should be made for the dollar amount of the encumbrance. When this is done, the correct amount of fund equity would be retained intact, and this would also allow comparison of budgeted (encumbered) amounts with the actual expenditures on the encumbered line items.

Status - We had noted that this corrected during the 1997 audit.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE COSTS

Finding/Recommendation - Cemetery Trust funds are in most instances established to account for funds collected for perpetual care of specific cemetery lots, with the income on the funds used to pay for the annual costs of this care. We had noted during our audit work on the Cemetery Trust funds that the funds did not appear to be paying for the maintenance costs associated with the lots.

Recommendation - We would recommend that the Board of Selectmen and the Trustees meet to determine the purpose of the Cemetery Trust funds. If the funds are intended to be used to pay for the maintenance costs of the perpetual care lots, than an equitable allocation formula should be developed to charge each individual perpetual care trust.

Status - We noted that funds had been transferred to the Cemetery Maintenance fund.

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TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Water	Sewer	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	$126,294	$136,387	$262,681
Temporary Investments	182,153	228,699	410,852
Accounts Receivable-Services	132,871	110,359	243,230
Inventories	120,589	3,109	123,698
Total Current Assets	561,907	478,554	1,040,461
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Gravel Wells	374,306	-	374,306
Water Supply Structures	24,147	-	24,147
Pumping Station Structure	144,371	-	144,371
Storage Structures	356,848	-	356,848
Purification Equipment	55,919	-	55,919
Mains	1,815,529	4,136,301	5,951,830
Service Entrances	31,872	-	31,872
Treatment Plant	-	1,249,340	1,249,340
Hydrants	46,725	-	46,725
Meters	53,402	53,139	106,541
Other Equipment	49,712	53,099	102,811
Land and Roads	94,279	-	94,279
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,207,704)	(2,631,641)	(3,839,345)
Net Property Plant and Equipment	1,839,406	2,860,238	4,699,644
TOTAL ASSETS	$2,401,313	$3,338,792	$5,740,105
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	$6,680	$38,209	$44,889
Accrued Liabilities	2,340	5,418	7,758
Due to Other Funds:			
To General Fund	74,660	38,825	113,485
Notes Payable, Portion Due Within One Year	8,469	34,005	42,474
Total Current Liabilities	92,149	116,457	208,606
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Notes Payable (Net of Current Portion)	92,349	315,619	407,968
Total Liabilities	184,498	432,076	616,574
Fund Equity			
Contributed Capital:			
Municipal	76,306	3,649,591	3,725,897
In Aid to Construction	457,723	1,263,525	1,721,248
Total Contributed Capital	534,029	4,913,116	5,447,145
Retained Earnings (Deficit)	1,682,786	(2,006,400)	(323,614)
Total Fund Equity	2,216,815	2,906,716	5,123,531
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$2,401,313	$3,338,792	$5,740,105

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TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1997

Cash on Deposit - January 1, 1997		$3,629,580.55
Receipts:		
Selectmen		2,745,527.19
Tax Collectors - R. Christian & R. Geisel		
Property Taxes (Current)	$9,822,887.54	
Interest on Property Taxes	9,133.69	
Property Taxes (Prior Years)	586,736.32	
Interest on Redeemed Taxes	37,342.05	
Property Tax Liens	499,041.04	
Interest & Costs	78,818.70	
Land Use Change	13,850.00	
Yield Tax	12,940.16	
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	1,874.75	
Check Fines	125.00	11,062,749.25
Town Clerk - Robert Lambert		
Motor Vehicle Registrations	607,648.00	
Motor Vehicle Titles	2,187.00	
Vital Statistics	14,174.75	
Reclamation Trusts	11,336.50	
Recycling Fees	2,342.50	
Marriage Licenses	1,755.00	
Dog Licenses	5,584.00	
Civil Forfeitures	2,348.00	
Election Filing Fees	5.00	
UCC Filing Fees	4,302.16	
Articles of Agreement	50.00	
Dredge & Fill Permits	85.76	
US Treasury Federal Tax Liens	240.00	
Decal Fees	11,436.00	
Check Fines	340.00	663,834.67
Total Receipts:		$18,101,691.66
Expenditures, per Selectmen		- $14,944,548.71
Cash on Deposit - December 31, 1997		$ 3,157,142.95

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth A. Christian

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Town Treasurer

Town Clerk Report

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNTS
Dog Licenses	5,584.00
Automobiles	608,498.00
Adjustments	-850.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Marriages	1,755.00
Vital Statistics	14,174.75
Recycling Fees	2,342.50
Reclamation Trust	11,336.50
Miscellaneous:	
Dredge & Fill	85.76
Articles of Agreement	50.00
US Treas Fed Tax Liens	240.00
Title Applications	2,187.00
Uniform Commercial Code	4,302.16
Decals	11,436.00
Civil Forfeiture	2,348.00
Bad Check Fees	340.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**663,834.67**

DISBURSEMENTS:	AMOUNTS
Dog Licenses-Town Share	3,698.00
State Share	1,886.00
Automobiles	608,498.00
Adjustments	45.00
Filing Fees	5.00
Marriages-Town Share	273.00
-State Share	1,482.00
Vital Statistics-Town Share	6,140.75
-State Share	8,034.00
Recycling Fees	2,342.50
Reclamation Trust	11,336.50
Miscellaneous:	
Dredge & Fill	85.76
Articles of Agreement	50.00
US Treas Fed Tax Liens	240.00
Title Applications	2,187.00
Uniform Commercial Code	4,302.16
Decals	11,436.00
Civil Forfeiture	2,348.00
Bad Check Fees	340.00
Paid to the Treasurer	664,729.67
Refunds	-895.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**663,834.67**

INFORMATION:

*All dogs and wolf hybrids must be licensed by April 30th and a current rabies certificate must be filed.

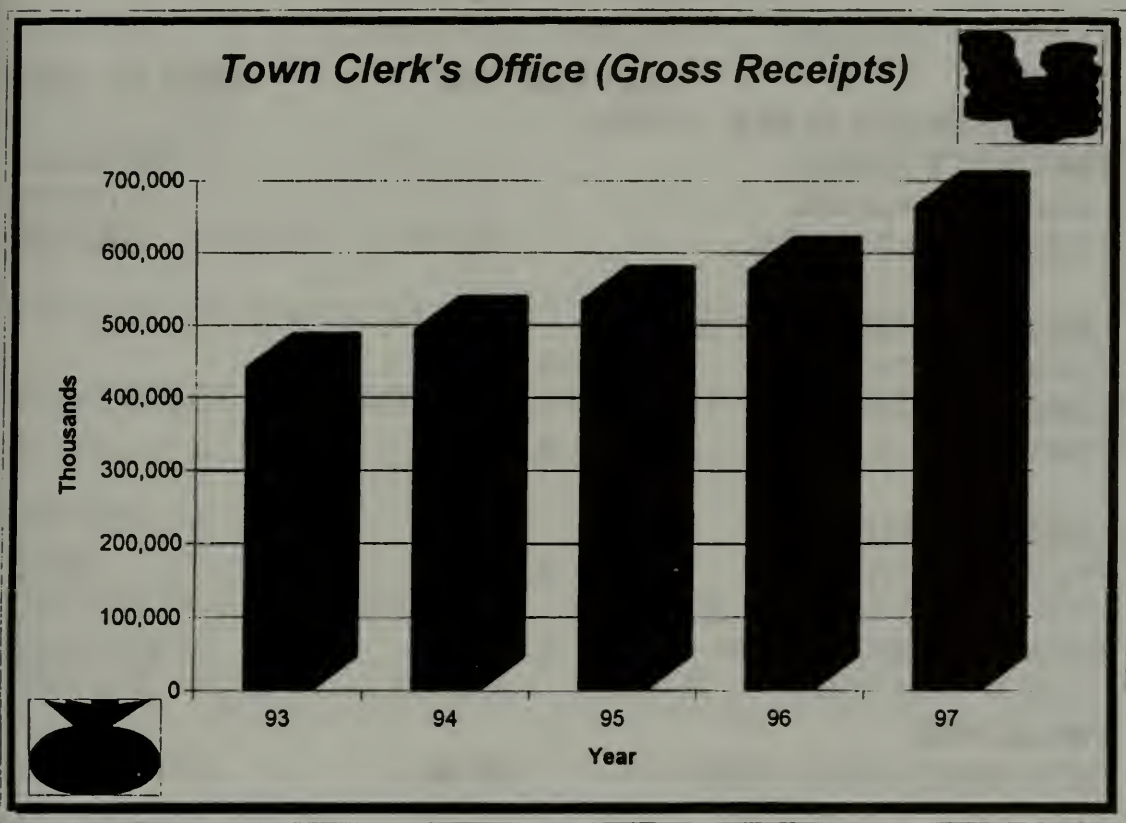
Per RSA 466:13, a penalty of $25 will be imposed for any dog or wolf hybrid not licensed by June 1st.

*There will be a rabies clinic at the Peterborough Police Station from 4 PM to 6 PM on Wednesday,
March 18, 1998.

*State Elections for 1998: State Primary—Tuesday, September 8, 1998; General Election—Tuesday,
November 3, 1998.

OFFICE HOURS

*Monday — Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
*Thursday Night 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
*Office Phone Number (603) 924-8010


Town Clerk's Office (Gross Receipts)
700,000
600,000
500,000
400,000
300,000
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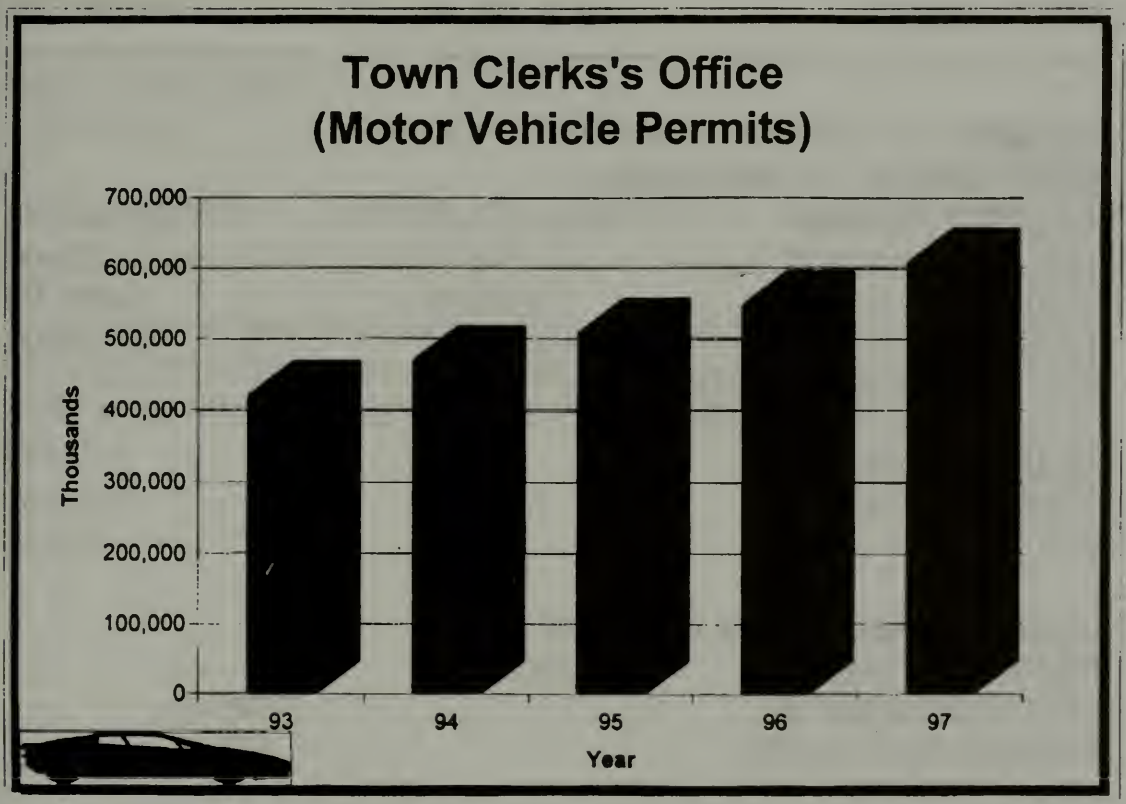
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Tax Collector's Report

1/1/1997 to 12/31/1997

DEBITS	LEVY OF 1997	LEVY OF 1996
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 1/1/1997		
PROPERTY TAXES		586,697.06
LAND USE CHANGE		10,000.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES		3,856.03
TAXES COMMITTED IN 1997		
PROPERTY TAXES	9,819,178.53	
LAND USE CHANGE	3,850.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAXES	9,084.13	
OVERPAYMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	3,709.01	39.26
INTEREST COLLECTED	9,133.69	37,342.05
PENALTIES		
RETURNED CHECK FEES	125.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	9,845,080.36	637,934.40

CREDITS		
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER		
PROPERTY TAXES	9,226,414.84	581,496.72
LAND USE CHANGE	770.00	10,000.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES	8,460.22	3,695.68
INTEREST	9,133.69	37,342.05
RETURNED CHECK FEES	125.00	
ABATEMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	7,216.67	5,239.60
YIELD TAXES	286.44	160.35
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/1997		
PROPERTY TAXES	589,256.03	
LAND USE CHANGE		3,080.00
TIMBER YIELD TAXES		337.47
TOTAL CREDITS	9,845,080.36	637,934.40

Tax Liens

1/1/1997 to 12/31/1997

DEBITS	1996 LEVY	1995 LEVY	1994 LEVY	PRIOR
UNREDEEMED LIENS 1/1/97	279,115.44		130,521.12	57,394.00
TAX LIEN 3/31/1997	413,812.60			
INTEREST AND COSTS	9,328.29	33,361.37	23,507.16	10,195.73
TOTAL DEBITS	**423,140.89**	**312,476.81**	**154,028.28**	**67,589.73**

CREDITS				
REDEMPTIONS	206,283.12	175,852.39	85,242.98	29,826.62
INTEREST AND COSTS	9,328.29	33,361.37	23,507.16	10,195.73
ABATEMENTS	1,490.07	2,426.15		
LIENS DEEDED TO TOWN				345.86
UNREDEEMED BAL 12/31/1997	206,039.41	100,836.90	45,278.14	27,221.52
TOTAL CREDITS	**423,140.89**	**312,476.81**	**154,028.28**	**67,589.73**

A LIST CONTAINING THE NAMES AND AMOUNTS OF UNPAID TAXES AND UNREDEEMED TAX LIENS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997 IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT THE TOWN OFFICES DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

Town Meeting Gathering Period - 1997

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH, NH

	Investments	Principal Accounts					Income Accounts
No. of Shares	Description	Balance 1/1/97	Purchases	Proceeds from Sales	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Balance 12/31/97	Year to Date
577	American Electric Power Co Inc	0.00	23,512.75	23,056.67	-456.08	0.00	346.20
650	American Home Products Corp	12,790.55		10,870.33	8,472.10	10,392.32	1,202.00
900	AMP Inc	34,442.93				34,442.93	936.00
463	Banc One corp	11,776.15	4,418.92			16,195.07	651.24
500	Bank of New York Co Inc	0.00	19,652.28			19,652.28	370.00
400	Bellsouth Corp	0.00	17,989.82			17,989.82	432.00
500	Bristol Myers Squibb Co	21,135.25				21,135.25	760.00
-700	Central & Southwest Corp	5,640.48		16,932.16	11,291.68	0.00	304.50
600	Dupont De Nemours Co	18,420.56				18,420.56	738.00
800	Exxon Corp	7,582.75		11,523.47	10,006.92	6,066.20	1,461.00
600	Fed National Mortgage Assn	19,653.00				19,653.00	504.00
400	GTE Corp	0.00	19,095.52			19,095.52	564.00
900	General Electric Co	12,523.75		14,425.92	11,117.63	9,215.46	1,060.80
400	General Mills	21,134.17				21,134.17	836.00
700	Illinois Tool Works Inc	23,006.52				23,006.52	301.00
300	Intel Corp	0.00	24,273.00			24,273.00	0.00
300	Johnson & Johnson	14,349.90				14,349.90	255.00
600	Kimberly-Clark Corp	22,562.30				22,562.30	570.00
400	Lucent Technologies	0.00	22,261.88			22,261.88	90.00
500	McGraw Hill Companies Inc	0.00	25,242.27			25,242.27	720.00
500	Minnesota Mining & Mfg	25,177.07		9,046.82	4,242.29	20,372.54	1,113.00
-640	New England Electric System	7,569.37		21,909.70	14,340.33	0.00	377.60
-1,120	Northern States Power Co of Minn	15,098.72		51,665.00	36,566.28	0.00	772.80
600	Sara Lee Corp	19,623.11				19,623.11	504.00
-900	US West Communications Group	19,632.42		29,726.34	10,093.92	0.00	481.50
22,500	AT&T 7.125% 1/15/02	21,701.04				21,701.04	1,603.12
15,000	Exxon 6.5% 7/15/99	15,736.50				15,736.50	975.00
70,000	Ohio Univ Gen Rcpts 8.20% 12/15/01	65,520.91				65,520.91	5,740.00
20,000	Phillip Morris Deb 7.125% 10/01/04	19,566.00				19,566.00	1,425.00
	TOTAL PRINCIPAL	434,643.45	156,446.44	189,156.41	105,675.07	507,608.55	25,093.76

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH, NH

	Investments	Principal Accounts					Income Accounts
No. of Shares	Description	Balance 1/1/97	Purchases	Proceeds from Sales	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Balance 12/31/97	Year to Date
400	American Home Products Corp	6,395.28				6,395.28	664.00
350	AMP Inc	14,173.31				14,173.31	364.00
363	Banc One corp	11,776.14				11,776.14	537.24
500	Bristol Myers Squibb Co	20,851.79				20,851.79	760.00
-500	Central & Southwest Corp	4,029.50		12,094.40	8,064.90	0.00	217.50
400	Dupont De Nemours Co	12,280.38				12,280.38	492.00
800	Exxon Corp	7,582.75		11,523.48	10,006.93	6,066.20	1,461.00
400	GTE Corp	12,708.83				12,708.83	752.00
700	General Electric Co	8,477.07		12,021.60	10,137.81	6,593.28	832.00
250	General Mills	13,208.86				13,208.86	522.50
400	Illinois Tool Works Inc	12,889.07				12,889.07	172.00
400	Kimberly-Clark Corp	15,858.20				15,858.20	380.00
200	Minnesota Mining & Mfg	10,173.01				10,173.01	424.00
600	Norfolk Southern Corp	0.00	19,005.73			19,005.73	240.00
-620	Northern States Power Co of Minn	8,411.28		29,881.23	21,469.95	0.00	855.60
550	Sara Lee Corp	13,880.10				13,880.10	462.00
-200	US West Communications Group	4,358.78		6,605.86	2,247.08	0.00	107.00
						0.00	
2,500	AT&T 7.125% 1/15/2002	2,412.71				2,412.71	178.12
2,156	Gov't National Mtg Assn 8.5% 4/15/2002	3,209.12		1,355.56	116.78	1,970.34	257.35
15,000	Ohio Univ Gen Rcpts 8.20% 12/15/2001	14,040.19				14,040.19	1,230.00
35,000	Phillip Morris Deb 7.125% 10/01/2004	34,240.50				34,240.50	2,493.74
20,000	US Treasury Notes 5.5% 9/30/1997	20,581.25		20,000.00	-581.25	0.00	1,100.00
12,000	US Treasury Notes 9.25% 8/15/1998	12,035.00				12,035.00	1,110.00
100,000	US Treasury Notes 6.375% 1/15/1999	96,020.00				96,020.00	6,375.00
25,000	US Treasury Notes 5.5% 4/15/2000	25,351.56				25,351.56	1,375.00
21,000	US Treasury Notes 8.50% 11/15/2000	21,335.00				21,335.00	1,785.00
5,000	US Treasury Notes 7.75% 2/15/2001	4,970.00				4,970.00	387.50
25,000	US Treasury Notes 6.25% 2/15/2003	0.00	25,277.34			25,277.34	-195.31
25,000	US Treasury Notes 6.5% 5/15/2005	24,890.63				24,890.63	1,625.00
25,000	US Treasury Notes 6.25% 2/15/2007	0.00	24,773.50			24,773.50	768.30
25,000	US Treasury Notes 6.625% 5/15/2007	0.00	24,886.72			24,886.72	792.11
	Temp Fund (Principal)	11,410.88				10,949.72	1,066.94
	Fees Paid to New London Trust						-2,362.27

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS MS-9

	PRINCIPAL						INCOME				
	Balance 1/1/97	New Funds	Expended	Trans. From Income	Gains or (Losses) on Sales	Balance 12/31/97	Balance Income 1/1/97	Income YTD	Expended YTD	Balance Income 12/31/97	Total Principal & Income
Water Department	47,575.78	0.00	0.00	2,346.96	-128.52	49,794.22	0.00	2,921.62	0.00	2,921.62	52,715.85
Sewer Department	33,438.47	0.00	0.00	1,649.56	-90.33	34,997.70	0.00	2,053.44	0.00	2,053.44	37,051.14
Fire Dept./Ambulance	15,916.63	20,069.00	-10,250.10	1,166.99	-69.26	24,833.26	0.00	1,365.68	-42.52	1,323.16	28,156.43
Special Education Fund	100,621.56	50,000.00	0.00	3,030.62	-395.56	153,256.63	0.00	6,742.74	0.00	6,742.74	159,999.36
Cemetery Expendable Tr Fd	14,995.04	0.00	0.00	560.91	-40.05	15,515.90	0.00	910.38	0.00	910.38	16,426.28
Daniels Oceanus Scholarship	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.78	-186.78	0.00	0.00
Reclamation Trust Fund	0.00	10,211.00	0.00	0.00	-26.29	10,184.71	0.00	191.03	0.00	191.03	10,375.74
Totals	212,547.48	85,280.00	-15,250.10	8,755.04	-750.01	288,582.42	0.00	14,371.67	-229.30	14,142.37	304,724.80

Notes

Selectmen's Report

For the past three years, your Board of Selectmen has worked very hard to contain the cost of government in the Town of Peterborough, while maintaining the excellent quality of services that befits the needs of the town. As a result, budgets over that three year period were reduced by almost 10 percent and the town portion of the town rate was reduced by 14 percent, from $9.22 per thousand to $7.96 per thousand in 1997. At the same time, significant investments were made in the town facilities and in the personnel infrastructure of town government. During that period of time from 1995 through 1997, we have renovated the town house, acquired and equipped a new police station, built a new recycling facility, added a new recreation building, and closed the Starkweather landfill operation. But more importantly, we have revamped our personnel infrastructure through the hiring of new Town Administrator, Finance Director, Public Works Director, Community Development Director, and Police Chief. As a result, in terms of our basic professional capabilities and our brick and mortar facilities, the town is well positioned to move forward into the 21st century.

As we move into 1998 and look to the future, we think now is the time to prepare the basic infrastructure of the town of the next 50 years. The last time we did this was just after WWII, almost 50 years ago, when the citizenry and the leadership of the town saw the same need. It was then we took, the initial steps; our basic water and sewer systems were installed, and street, highway, and bridge programs were initiated. Now, it is time for us to reinvest in that basic infrastructure to ensure that those systems will serve our needs in the future. This year, we begin that process anew. For the reasons for the first time in three years. you will note an increase in the town portion of the budget and in the town portion of the tax rate. In order to plan for and begin this infrastructure renovation project, the town budget is up overall by approximately 8% but still less than the 1995 budget. And while the town portion of the tax rate has increased by 7% for 1998, it is still 7% less than it was in 1995.

With these modest increases, we can begin the process by developing our critical water resource and planning for mandated

upgrades in our waster water system. We can install an integrated information and financial management system that permits our various departments to enter the 21st century with 21st century technology. We can install an adequate computerized mapping system that will serve the needs of community development planning and our zoning and planning boards. We can proceed with the development into the master plans of the community . We can plan for the wecxtension of the electric utility restructuring efforts, to include the upgrading of our telecommunications and cable systems. In short, we, the Board of Selectmen, are attempting to lay the groundwork for the continued valid success of Peterborough as the lead community in the Contoocook Valley, and we thank you for your continued support.

It has been our pleasure to serve you in 1997, and we look forward to serving you in 1998 as we strive to keep "Peterborough a good town to liven in"

Respectfully,

Lawrence Ross
Charles Leedham
Roland Patten

Town Administrator's Report

One word best sums up the composition and character of our community - volunteerism. We should not fail to recognize the continuing contribution of the many Boards, Committees and Commissions who meet throughout the year. They guide the townís development to insure that our history and character are preserved; they review budgets and procedures to insure that services desired by the citizens are delivered promptly and efficiently; and they provide guidance on special projects to insure community input.

This subject is appropriate in 1997 due to the generous donations of money, resources, material and labor which resulted in the commencement of a renewal of our downtown. Downtown Peterborough is documentation of the communityís genesis - it is that piece of real estate that defines Peterborough.

In 1997, the Arts Auction Group and Downtown 2000 worked for a third consecutive year to insure that the residents of Peterborough will one day experience the joy of a river front park, within the downtown boundaries.

The Town was also fortunate to receive a generous donation to the library from Arlene Magaw a long term volunteer at the library. It will be used to purchase the Catherine Sage property which will insure the long term viability of our library.

Many thanks to Francie Von Mertons and the Granite Bank for the contributions of photographs depicting the history of MacDowell Colony that now hang in the Town House lobby. Now visitors and residents alike have a place to go, to learn about how the colony came to be.

These contributions and others in town create a philosophy and environment in which the employees provide municipal services to our citizens. Although the tax rate is projected to rise to $8.53 in 1998, it should not be overlooked that the townís portion of the tax rate has fallen over fourteen percent in a three year period. The investments in technology and personnel have reaped benefits in the form of more efficient delivery of services.

Community Development continues to plan the implementation of a Geographic Information System, which is designed to provide all departments with standardized land use information.

The department will continue to look at our codes in an effort to provide updated ordinances that are user friendly.

The Wastewater Department recently purchased a sewer camera which will allow employees to determine just what condition our sewer lines are in. No more digging up the entire street to find an obstruction.

The Economic Development Authority spent a considerable amount of time examining possible land that could be developed into an industrial development park.

Lastly, not the least important, the Public Works Director is looking toward the future and is recommending that funds be appropriated to support our infrastructure. The Spring Road Bridge was replaced with state funding providing eighty percent of the cost. This year for the first time we are recommending that a capital reserve fund be established to set aside funds that will be used to obtain the 20% match required to receive state funds. In addition, there are additional funds in the budget to reconstruct additional miles of road.

While I am pleased at the progress made in achieving our goals, I realize that more needs to be done to contain costs, deliver quality services and meet the challenges of the future.

I wish to thank the Department Heads and the other dedicated hard working Town employees who have helped carry out the direction which has been given by the voters. In particular, I wish to recognize the Finance Director. Her expertise and dedication was unsurpassed this year.

Finally, I wish to thank the citizens of Peterborough for your support and invite your suggestions for a better tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Brenner
Town Administrator

Public Works Department
Highway Division Report
1997 Project Review

Members of the Highway Division are to be commended for their 1997 accomplishments and continued dedication to the maintenance of our infrastructure.

The flexibility and "can-do" approach as evidenced this year has been most appreciated. Major projects include:

- Construction of approximately 13 miles of roadside ditches, primarily in the Old Greenfield, Gulf, Old Bennington and East Mountain areas.
- Replacement of deteriorated culvert pipes on East Mountain Rd., Old Greenfield, and Gulf Road.
- Cold-mix reshaping and chipseal application on approximately 6.6 miles of roadway including: Old Greenfield, Holt, Gulf, Crosby and Old Bennington roads.
- Mowing projects included: EMS and Scott Mitchell Landfills; Town wastewater plant and sewer right-of-ways; Town Well sites; and rural roadsides.
- Sidewalk and street sweeping.
- Downtown pavement markings, line striping and signage.
- Bogle Road reconstruction (1400 L.F.).
- Hot bituminous pavement overlay on Prospect, Winter, Ames, Mercer, Wakefield, and a portion of Goyette Ave.
- Assisted with construction, signage, and waterline construction at Cunningham Pond Recreation area.
- Constructed concrete slabs for emergency generators at Police Station and Rte. 202 South Wastewater pump station.
- Assisted with Recycling Center Building construction/temporary facilities.
- Catch basins/storm drainage improvements on Pine, High, Cheney, and Grove Streets.
- Approximately 300 catch basins were cleaned/inspected.
- Spring Road Bridge was reconstructed to provide safe passage for legal trucks. Funding for the project included 20% Town and 80% New Hampshire Department of Transportation support.

-Sidewalks along Grove and School Street were reconstructed with concrete and clay brick.

-The Public Works Department advertised approximately 20 items for public bid.

Doris Hamberg joined the Public Works office on June 2, 1997 as secretary.

Larry Merrifield, Highway Superintendent, has achieved the classification of Senior Road Scholar from the U.N.H. Technology Transfer Center, having completed seventy (70) contact hours in highway maintenance subject areas.

Doris and Larry are valuable members of the department who, along with the Director, are most interested in your comments and suggestions regarding our services.

We all look forward to a very busy year in 1998.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward L. Chase, P.E., Public Works Director

Public Works Department
Recycling Division Report
1997 Project Review

The Recycling Division experienced a major upgrade of facilities for 1997. Following the Town Meeting vote to reject privatization of the Transfer/Recycling facility, voters authorized the construction of a new Recycling building and the purchase of necessary equipment.

Bids were solicited for a design/construct package for the new 50' x 110' pre-engineered metal building to replace the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete wooden structure.

Construction of the building was completed by Creative Tectonics of Bedford, NH, with our Grand Opening ceremony on December 6, 1997. Members of the Recycling Division are very excited with the new facility and we all look forward to the long-term recycling opportunities and efficiencies that will be available as a result of these investments.

The 1997 recycling revenue amount is $22,101.64, of which, recycled sales totaled $20,552,23 and $1,549.41 totaled other fees collected.

The Public Works Department has received from NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), approval for the cleanup of the old scrap metal pile and plans to initiate cleanup activities in 1998.

The Director and Town Administrator continue to work proactively with NHDES, in the remediation of the groundwater contamination at the Scott Mitchell Landfill site.

The EMS Landfill site continues groundwater sampling, analysis, and reporting to NHDES.

To date, the landfill closure construction efforts have proven to be very successful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward L. Chase, P.E., Public Works Director

Public Works Department
Utilities Division Report
1997 Water and Wastewater Project Review

In 1997, Utilities Division personnel were challenged with many new and exciting projects; some of which will continue into 1998. Below is a highlighted summary of the many projects completed.

WATER

-The Cheney Tank was sandblasted and repainted.

- New controls were installed for the Summer Street Well, along with new meters installed at all three Wells (Summer St., North Well, and Tarbell Well).

-Nearly 300 new meters were installed throughout town, with more to follow in 1998.

-Three meter pits and meters were installed at the cemeteries.

-Installed three hydrants at: 1 Pine Street, 99 Kaufman Drive and 25 Powersbridge Road, all with shut-off valves in front of them.

-Winterized all Town hydrants and updated the inventory.

-The Reynolds Drive multiple tap situation has been corrected.

-Completed the 1997 Lead and Copper sampling.

The water supply continues to be a concern for Peterborough, particularly between mid-June and September. We hired the firm, Emery and Garrett Groundwater, to analyze potential groundwater sources that should lead into development of a new water supply in 1998.

The remetering program initiated in 1997 includes the installation and verification of backflow devices that will provide the mandatory public health assurances, and implement our automated billing program.

WASTEWATER

-The old controls at Vose Farm Lift Station were replaced with new controls.

-The Wastewater Treatment Facility handled in excess of 120

million gallons of influent this year, with acceptable results.

-The Annual Toxicity test performed, received acceptable results which help keep our overall lab costs to a minimum.

-The State Inspector performed our annual review with favorable results.

UTILITIES

-The Utility Division relocated from the Public Works garage to the Police Department garage which provides more space and better security.

-All utility personnel attended training covering both water and wastewater areas.

The Utility Division staff, wish to thank all who have contributed their help and support with any of the above projects. We also would like to thank our residents for their participation and patience with the installation of the new meters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward L. Chase, P.E.,
Public Works Director

Public Works Department

Maintenance Division Report

1997 Building and Grounds Maintenance Project Review

The Buildings & Grounds Division has been extremely busy with many projects: updating existing buildings and equipment with new parts, paint, fixtures, etc. Major projects performed:

-New wiring and meter pedestal was installed for new street lights near Toadstool.

-Three street lights on Grove Street received new wiring.

-The tire balancer and tire changer at the Town Highway garage was rewired.

-The Highway garage roof received a coating of sealant.

-The Library had part of the roof reshingled, and the ceilings, outside trim, and railings painted.

-The bathhouse at Cunningham Pond received new wiring.

-New light fixtures were installed at the Wastewater facility.

-Installed new support beams at the old Recycling Center.

-The compactor at the Recycling Center received new wiring.

-The old flagpole at the Town House was laid to rest and replaced with a fiberglass pole.

-The upper hall floor of the Town House was refinished and a new sound system was also installed in the upper hall.

-A new railing was installed in the Town House.

-Landscaping projects were completed at the Police Station, the Library and the Town House; and numerous other projects were completed in the Town buildings.

Superintendent, Bob Wilder, supervised construction contracts including: exterior trim painting at the Library and the installation of new emergency generators at the Police Station and the Route 202 South Wastewater pump station.

Cliff Monkton joined this division in 1997. Bob and

Cliff continue to provide the daily maintenance and repairs to Town buildings, as well as assistance in winter snow and ice control. Their efforts and dedication have been invaluable in the preservation of our buildings and grounds.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward L. Chase, P.E., Public Works Director

Household Hazardous Waste Committee

Again, this year two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days were held, the first on April 19th, timed to coincide with Earth Day (April 22) and a Fall Clean Up day on October 18th. Residents of Sharon-which is our Solid Waste District partner participated in both collections. The Town of Dublin joined us in the Spring and again the Town of New Ipswich joined us in the fall. We continue to use a pre-registration system which allows us to control costs tightly, as well as to schedule the traffic flow smoothly and quickly.

Over 300 households were represented in both collections and a total of over 4000 gallons of regulated hazardous materials were accepted for proper disposal under EPA and UN requirements, including the recycling of suitable paints.

In addition we continued to accept both paint and batteries at the Recycling Center(in warm weather) for convenient collection of substances regulated under the State Universal Waste Rule. This program has recently been expanded to include the collection of fluorescent bulbs, which are no longer accepted in New Hampshire landfills or incenerators due to their mercury content.

As part of our on-going public education program we created and distributed Non-Toxic Cleaning Kits to participants in both collections. These kits have received a great deal of attention statewide, have been featured in several presentation by the Department of Environmental Services, were copied by the Town of Londonderry, and will be showcased in five HHW workshops sponsored by DES in 1998. We appreciate the help given by the Peterborough A&P, Sterling Business Systems and Savron Graphics in creating our Non-Toxic Cleaning Kits.

Support for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection program has been strong and we are grateful to the Town Departments, committees, staff, and Selectmen who continue to back us. Special thanks to Belletete's Building Supply who again helped to fund the Paint Recycling program. Grants totaling $4,341 were received from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Hazardous Waste Clean up Fund toward public education and to offset tax-supported HHW disposal.

Plans for 1998 include two more collections, on April 18 and on October 19. Both Sharon and New Ipswich will participate with Peterborough again this year, and we welcome the addition of Bennington for our Spring collection as well.

Members of the Household Hazardous Waste Committee welcome comments and suggestions at any time.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee Baker
Posy Bass
Steve Dark
Jim Dickie
Jim Lawn
Susy Mansfield

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF Peterborough *N.H.*

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1998 *to December 31,* 1998 *or for Fiscal Year From*

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IMPORTANT: *Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.*

1. *Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.*
2. *Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.*
3. *When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.*

Date February 19, 1998

SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

(Revised 1997)

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	War. Art. #	Approp. Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditure Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
	Recycling Center Bond	N/A	200,000	200,000	0	
	Bridge Repair	13	0	0	50,000	
	Establishment of Town Well	3	0	0	1,500,000	
	GIS Mapping	15	0	0	100,000	
	SUB-TOTAL 2 (RECOMMENDED)		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	**1,650,000**	xxxxxxx

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address.

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,VI)	War. Art. #	Approp. Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditure Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
	Equipment Purchase	N/A	39,500	35,750	0	
	Library Improvements	N/A/	34,500	5,719	0	
	Dump Truck	N/A	35,540	33,409	0	
	Purchase of Catherine Sage Property	5	0	0	72,000	
	Parking Lot Study (Tax Increment)	8	0	0	25,000	
	Union Contract (Teamsters)	10	0	0	21,877	
	Union Contract (AFSME)	9	0	0	21,264	
	Downtown 2000	14	48,000	40,006	46,000	
	Road Reclamation	16	0	0	50,000	
	Planning (Goyette)	17	0	0	30,000	
	Recreation Dept.	19	11,800	7,393	7,900	
	Arts Festival	20	5,000	5,000	2,500	
	Computer	21	0	0	50,000	
	Cunningham Pond Fence	18	0	0	6,500	
	SUBTOTAL 2 (RECOMMENDED)		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	**333,041**	xxxxxxx

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	War Art #	Approp. Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditure Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
	General Government					
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	12	43,738	42,447	54,430	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	12	231,253	230,573	301,582	
4153	Legal Expense	12	50,000	68,496	50,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	12	374,850	400,978	0	
4191-4193	Community Development	12	174,520	154,099	196,167	
4194	General Government Buildings	12	154,243	164,081	128,268	
4195	Cemeteries	12	39,650	29,917	41,630	
4196	Insurance & Bonds	12	147,000	135,512	150,200	
	Public Safety		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
4210-4214	Police	12	558,545	535,603	669,749	
4215-4219	Ambulance	12	98,541	88,595	106,933	
4220-4229	Fire	12	168,478	168,877	191,196	
	Settlement	12	0	74,226	0	
	Highways and Streets		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
4311-4312	Highways and Streets	12	736,595	747,489	843,002	
4316-4319	Street Lighting	12	48,820	54,444	56,213	
	Sanitation		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
4321-4323	Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	12	176,175	180,388	240,231	
	Human Services		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	12	125,736	117,227	124,760	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments	12	20,860	19,459	21,860	
	Culture		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	12	176,311	175,597	244,935	
4550-4559	Library	12	254,708	248,128	324,087	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	12	1,200	1,557	4,500	
	Debt Service		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
4711	Princ.-LongTerm Bonds & Notes	12	355,000	355,000	453,655	
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	12	135,193	135,193	135,858	
4723	Interest on TAN's	12	5,000	0	5,000	
	Capital Outlay		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
4902	Equipment	12	31,032	31,032	23,670	
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	12	20,000	19,886	30,000	
	Operating Transfers Out		xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-	23	356,873	282,487	354,105	
	Water-	22	455,640	475,458	440,985	
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds	25	0	0	20,000	
	SUBTOTAL 1		**4,939,961**	**4,936,749**	**5,213,016**	

Acct. No.	Sources of Revenue	War. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Current Year	Actual Revenue Current Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
	Taxes		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		770	3,850	2,000
3185	Yield Taxes		9,500	9,084	9,500
3190	Interest on Taxes		130,000	136,585	130,000
3186	In Lieu of Taxes		25,643	5,494	25,643
	Licenses, Permits and Fees		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		575,000	606,197	575,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		30,500	33,133	30,500
	From State		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3351	Shared Revenue		150,069	150,069	150,069
	Meals & Rooms Tax		60,024	60,089	60,024
3353	Highway Block Grant		128,565	128,565	126,054
3356	State & Forest Land Reimb.		546	546	546
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		12,003	11,998	12,003
	Income From Departments		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3401-3406	Town Office Revenues		6,602	11,611	10,000
"	Community Development		15,543	16,670	15,550
"	Police Department Revenues		49,117	49,301	29,774
"	Ambulance Revenues		70,000	64,302	113,102
"	Fire Department Revenues		11,287	11,342	12,951
"	Recreation Revenues		2,270	2,920	21,880
"	Recycling Revenues		45,842	47,006	60,059
"	Insurance Revenues		71,596	82,203	85,000
	Cemetery Revenues		22,292	27,127	24,550
"	Library Revenues		53,000	53,055	53,000
"	Human Services		4,036	4,036	2,000
"	Highway Dept. & Gasoline Tax Reimbursement		1,971	3,420	7,600
	General Government Buildings		0	0	20,580
	Miscellaneous Revenues		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3502	Interest on Investments		75,000	93,086	90,000
3504	Noone Fund		11,800	15,393	7,900
	Planning (Goyette)		0	0	15,000
	Cemetery Transfer		0	0	20,000
	Interfund Operating Transfers In		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3914	Library (Purchase of Land)		0	0	72,000
	Wastewater - (Offset)		356,873	282,487	414,105
	Water - (Offset)		455,640	475,458	440,985
	Water & Wastewater (computer & union cont.)		0	0	20,361
	Other Financing Sources		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. From Long Term Notes & Bonds		200,000	200,000	1,500,000
	Use Of Fund Balance		175,000	175,000	200,000
	Total Revenues and Credits		**2,750,489**	**2,760,027**	**4,357,736**

SUB-TOTAL 1 (Recommended)	5,213,016
SUB-TOTAL 2 Special warrant articles as defined by Law	1,650,000
SUB-TOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles	333,041
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS Recommended	7,196,057
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	-4,357,736
Amount of Taxes To be Raised	2,838,321

TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Peterborough, in the county of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday, the Tenth day of March 1998, at eight a.m. (Polls close at 7:00 p.m.) to ballot for Town Officers and other questions required by law to be decided by official ballot. Pursuant to the authority of RSA 39:2-a all business other than official ballot questions will be recessed until 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 14, 1998 at the Town House, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (By Official Ballot).

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and others, or take any other action relating thereto. (By Official Ballot).

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the Elizabeth Brighton property on Hunt Road (Tax Map U11 Lot 6) for the purpose of providing a municipal water supply. Further, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000.00)** for the establishment of a town well, well house, land acquisition, water transmission mains, engineering, computer mapping system, and appurtenances thereto; and to authorize the issuance of not more than $1,500,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Said amount is supported 100% by user fees and will not be supported by taxes. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation) (2/3 ballot vote required).

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to amend the Agreement between the Town of Peterborough and the Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farm, Inc. d/b/a RiverMead dated 12-20-94 concerning the Well Site acquired by the Town

from RiverMead to allow the Town to search elsewhere on RiverMead property for a suitable Town Well site, in consideration for the Town roconveying its present Well Site and the rights of way and easements relating thereto, to RiverMead, provided the present Well Site is not used by RiverMead for drinking water purposes, or take any other action related thereto. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article).

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars ($72,000)** for the purchase of the Catharine Sage property at 14 Concord Street (Tax Map U17Lot 141) to be used as an extension of the Town Library. Said amount is to be paid directly by the Library trustees to the seller of the property, will not be supported by taxes, and is shown as an offsetting revenue. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Chapter 162-K of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes, which if adopted will grant the Town authority to establish tax increment financing districts. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.)

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to:

a) Establish a municipal economic development and revitalization district as shown on a map entitled Proposed Greater Downtown Tax Increment District (dated February 15, 1998) and which generally encompasses the historic downtown area, portions of the Contoocook River, and the commercial areas of Route 202 south. The district will have the name of Greater downtown Tax Increment Financing District.

b) Adopt the Greater Downtown Tax Increment Financing Plan, dated February 15, 1998, which includes the stipulation that no funds arising from this district other than those included in Article 8 will be expended until a more comprehensive and specific plan is adopted by Town Meeting vote.

c) Authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a District Administrator in accordance with the provisions of 162-K:13 and to appoint a five-member Advisory Board in accordance with the provisions of 162-K:14. The function of the Advisory Board shall be to advise the Board of

Selectmen and the District Administrator on the establishment of a more comprehensive and specific development plan for he District, and to then advise and assist in the implementation of that plan, once approved by Town Meeting. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.)

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00)** to obtain engineering services to evaluate the potential cost, probable number of parking spaces and environmental issues at each of two downtown sites for possible location of a future parking lot. The funds would come from the Greater Downtown Tax Increment Finance District. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and AFSCME Council 93, Police Department employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1997-1998	21,264.00
1999	20,216.00
2000	18,469.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars ($21,264.00)** for the 1998 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this appropriation).

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and Teamsters Local 633 Public Works employees which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1997-1998	21,877.00
1999	27,115.00
2000	22,096.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars ($21,877.00)** for the 1998 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen Dollars ($18,217.00) will come from general taxation, the remaining Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-One Dollars ($3,661.00) will come from the Water and Wastewater Departments. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this appropriation).

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Code of Ethics for public servants of the Town of Peterborough, public servants being all elected and appointed officials of the Town, all full-time and part-time employees of the Town, whether paid or unpaid, and all volunteers who serve the Town, or take and other action relating thereto. (The Board of Selectmen recommend passage of this article).

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars ($4,397,926.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Bridge Restoration and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000)** to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Six Thousand Dollars ($46,000.00)** for improvement and

construction in the town parking lot east of the Peterborough Diner and the Toadstool Book Shop, including lighting, engineering and drainage, with Downtown 2000 Corporation to provide matching funds for park construction, landscaping and lighting along the Contoocook River between Yankee Auto Parts and the Nubanusit River. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation). (The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation).

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000)** (Gross Budget) for a computer mapping system of the town. Sixty Thousand dollars ($60,000) will come from the Wastewater Department, the remaining Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000) will come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3,VI and will not lapse until the mapping is complete or in three years, whichever is sooner. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000)** for the purpose of reclaiming, repairing and reconstructing town roads. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000)** to facilitate community discussion and participation in the preparation of an Economic Development Policy Plan for Peterborough. (Gross Budget). The Town has received a grant from the Hazel Goyette Fund in the amount of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000)** to offset one half of this expenditure. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($6,500)** for the construction of a fence at Cunningham Pond. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars ($7,900)** for the purpose of purchasing playground equipment at Adams Field and authorize the withdrawal of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars ($7,900.00) from the

proceeds of the Albert W. Noone Fund for this purpose. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500)** for the purpose of supporting the Peterborough Arts Festival. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation). (The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.)

Article 21. To see if the town will vote authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing a computer system, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000)** (Gross Budget) for the first year's payment for that purpose. Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred dollars ($33,300) will come from general taxation, the remaining Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars ($16,700) will come from the Water and Wastewater Departments. ($8,350 from each enterprise fund). The subsequent years payments call for the following amounts:

Year	*Cost*
1999	$50.000
2000	$50.000

(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by user fees the sum of **Four Hundred Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars ($440,985.00)** for the operation the Water Department. Said amount is supported 100% by user fees, will not be supported by taxes, and is shown as an offsetting revenue. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by user fees the sum of **Three Hundred Fifty-Four One Hundred Five Dollars ($354,105.00)** for the operation of the Wastewater Department. Said amount is supported 100% by user fees, will not be supported by taxes, and is shown as an offsetting revenue. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, appoint a deputy pursuant to RSA 41:29-a. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this article).

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000)** (Gross Budget) to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund previously established, and to transfer said amount from the Cemetery Trustees checking account. This amount is supported 100% by the sale of deeds for burial lots is not supported by taxes, and is shown as an offsetting revenue. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the board of Selectmen to acquire by dedication and acceptance, gift, purchase, grant or devise any interest in land for purpose of effectuating town roadway maintenance, storm drainage improvements, and water/wastewater maintenance activities. Any acquisition by the Town pursuant to this grant of authority shall be made without consideration of cash by the town. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this article).

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the board of selectmen pursuant to RSA 38 to acquire all poles, wires, conduits and electrical distribution and transmission facilities within the Town of Peterborough, and such other facilities outside the Town of Peterborough, that the Board of Selectmen may deem appropriate for purposes of establishing and operating a municipal electric transmission and distribution system, with the further understanding that any agreement to acquire and determination of acquisition price shall be presented to a future Peterborough Town meeting for approval and ratification prior to final acquisition of such electric utility property? (The Board of Selectmen recommend this article).

Article 28. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Twenty-Third day of February, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Eight.

Lawrence C. Ross

Charles Leedham

Roland A. Patten

SELECTMEN OF PETERBOROUGH

A true copy of the Warrant-Attest:

Lawrence C. Ross

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Roland A. Patten

SELECTMEN OF PETERBOROUGH

Library Director's Report

In 1881, the Trustees of the Portsmouth (NH) Public Library saw its mission as "Improving the intelligence of the community." Fifty-eight years before that, Abiel Abbot persuaded his fellow citizens in Peterborough to tax themselves in order to establish the first free public library. The library's mission was identical to Portsmouth's: to be a source of education for all people. Sometime this year, I read an article that referred to the library as "the privilege of ideas." This concept appeals to me.

There has been much discussion about the role of the public library and the services it provides to its community. Books and technology are not mutually exclusive. While there are customers who prefer one or the other, there are other customers who expect both. As we approach the millenium, the Peterborough Town Library offers a mix of digital and physical, of computer access and print; a "privilege of ideas."

For this most successful year, I would like to thank the staff and volunteers for their dedication to service, and the library Trustees for their vision. I appreciate the support of the Friends of the Library, my colleagues in Town Government, and the citizens of Peterborough. A special thank you goes to arlen Magaw, whose generous donation allowed us to dream.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Geisel

Photo by Joan Butler

Statistical Summary
Peterborough Town Library
January 1, 1997 - December 21, 1997

Collections

Book Collection (Volumes)

Adult	31,458
Children	10,378
Total Books	41,636

Other Media

Art	111
Audio Tapes	1,315
Compact Discs	296
Computer Software (CD Roms)	20
Films	107
Maps	118
Microfilm Reels	166
Newspapers received	15
Paperbacks (rack)	1,000
Periodicals Received	124
Records	94
Vertical Files	365
Video Tapes	1,559
Total Other Media	5,290
Total Items in Collection	47,126

Titles Added to Collections

Adult	1,252
Children	641
Total Added in 1997	1,893

Circulation of Materials

Adult Books	43.8%
Childrens's Books	26.7%

Magazines	3.7%
Audio Tapes	8.2%
Video Tapes	17.2%
Other (Art, Film, VF)	.4%
Total Circulation	100.0%

Interlibrary Services

Successful requests	3,166
Unsuccessful requests	350
Success Rate	90%
Total ILL transactions	3,516

Usage

Researchers-Genealogy	278
Sunday Opening Customers	973
Hours of Public Internet	902

Active Borrowers

Adults	1,737
Children	1,819
Total Borrowers	4,556

Conservation Commission
1997-Report of Activities

Among the projects this year, the Conservation Commission celebrated the purchase of the Fremont Field, the acquisition of which now brings the Fremont property to over 170 acres. The celebration included a mushroom foray and cookout, and inauguration of the new trail and guide to the history of the property-going back to the glacier's retreat! We urge you all to enjoy this beautiful addition to the Town's permanently protected open space. Just look for the trail sign off the Old Jaffrey Road, half a mile from Route 202. Trail guides are in the mailbox at trailside.

New signs, like that identifying the Fremont land, now mark all the trails that are maintained by the Conservation Commission, including the Old Railroad Trail on Scott Mitchell Road, The Wheeler Trail on Route 101, and the Raymond Trail on East Mountain Road.

In October, the Commission presented the results of a Cost of Community Services Study for the Town, done with the help of an Antioch New England graduate student. This was an attempt to get the word out on a new generation of studies that ties rapid development increased tax burden owing to the increased costs of community services demanded by new development. The old conventional wisdom that attracting new taxpayers will help to pay old bills does not stand up to examination. Instead, new taxpayers often lead to new tax bills-to pay for expanded schools, waste water treatment, town wells, sidewalks, etc. Given the high cost of development, open space looks even more attractive-fiscally as well as scenically. Copies of the study are available from the Commission.

We have also begun to set up a system for monitoring the conservation easements the Commission oversees. When landowners put a conservation easement on their land, they agree to give up the rights to develop the specific land in easement. This is usually done by someone who loves their land and wishes to preserve it forever in its natural state; easements also make sense for tax and estate planning purposes. In many cases the Conservation Commission has been designated as the organization that monitors the easement and ensures that no development

takes place. For more information on easements feel free to contact a Commission members.

This year we have also signed a contract for a timber stand improvement cut on the Kane tract on East Mountain Road, purchased and planted maple tress in front of the police station, and contributed financially to upgrading the maps available to the Community Development Director.

We have worked with the Community Development Director and the Planning Board on the proposed major residential development on Burke Road, trying to protect as much river frontage as possible, and have co-sponsored w workshop at the Harris Center on the ecological importance of river corridors. Somewhat related to river corridors, the Commission has signed on for the Keeping Track program, where a group of 20 locals will be trained as wildlife monitors by tracker Sue Morse. After the training, records will be kept on wildlife activity in Town-including along the river. The Keeping Rack Movement has spread from towns in Vermont to California. We are please to be among the first in New Hampshire.

Members of the Commission also serve on the town's Economic Task Force where we hope our perspective on how the beautiful, unique, and fragile community of Peterborough can best be preserved is beneficial.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Stephenson, Co-Chair
Frances Von Mertens , Co-Chair
Richard Estes
Susan Mansfield
Catherine Owen
Richard Pendleton
Dana Wood

Mary Pat Farr-Szep, Alternate

Office of Community Development

1997 was the first year of the Town's new Office of Community Development. Considerable time was spent working with a number of the town's committees and organizations, seeking their input and attempting to establish better coordination and cooperation. At the request of the Community Development Director, representatives from the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Long Range Planning Commission, Downtown 2000, Riverwalk, Economic Development Authority and the Chamber formed a Community Development Task Force. This Task Force, Chaired by Katharine Eneguess of the EDA, will assist the Office of Community Development in formulating an economic development plan that can then be brought to the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting for approval. It is hoped that the task force can also serve as a focal point for discussions about community development issues.

A major condominium project in northeastern Peterborough in the Burke Road area finally received conceptual Planning Board approval after many years of on-going discussion. With significant assistance from neighborhood residents, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, a new plan has been formulated which should better serve the interests of the Town.

Without listing all of the projects that have been addressed during 1997, it is important to note what appears to be an increase in communication and cooperation among different groups; this will be essential if we are to forge a new direction for the Town. Perhaps the most important accomplishment of OCD during 1997 was to start a new process for working with the development co unity. It is hoped that in future years the Planning Board will spend less time on project reviews and more time on planning; for that to happen, we also need a better, more cooperative and less confrontational process for assuring that development proposals are consistent with what the Town wants. OCD will continue to focus on this effort in 1998.

In 1998 OCD will start a multi-year program working with the Planning Board and Task Force to create a new comprehensive Community Development Plan and also review all of the Town's

land use ordinances. Of greatest importance is to assure adequate protection of our drinking water supply; but many other issues will be addressed as well. With your positive support at Town Meeting, we can establish a clear accurate mapping system for the Town and use this to create a new blueprint for community prosperity.

Under the leadership of the Economic Development Authority, a proposal has been formulated to create a tax increment finance district for the greater downtown commercial area. With your positive support at Town Meeting, this can become one more tool to help the Town address our serious infrastructure issues.

Planning Board Report

The Peterborough Planning Board saw a major decrease in the number of applications this year, from a total of 27 in 1996 to 16 in 1997. The Board held public hearings on 8 site plan applications and 8 subdivision applications this year. They conducted two site visits.

The Board thanks Heather Peterson and Charles Leedham for their service. Charles Leedham, Ex Officio, 1996 was replaced by Roland Patten, Ex Officio, 1997. The Board also welcomed new member C. Peter LaRoche. The Board worked directly with Peter Ryner as Community Development Director and Tammie J. Blanchette continued to provide secretarial services.

The Board's Minor Site Plan Review Committee met a total of 11 times to hear 10 requests. The Committee referred one application to the full Board due to the nature of the application.

As always, the Planning Board encourages everyone to participate in the planning process, whether it be attendance at regular monthly meetings dealing with applications for subdivisions and site plans, or at the public hearings on zoning amendment.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Peterborough Zoning Board of Adjustment met a total of 16 times to hear 42 cases. Several cases were on the agenda for more than one hearing. The Board approved 31 of the requests. The Board denied 5 request and the remaining 6 were withdrawn by the applicant.

The Board saw a few changes in membership with the addition of Jeanne Dietsch as an alternate member and Greg Lawn was appointed as a full member. The Board of Adjustment would also like to extend its sincere thanks to John Franklin and Elizabeth MacEachran for their service to the Board.

The members welcome your suggestions and comments on our performance and procedure. We meet on the first Monday of each month in the Meeting Room of the Town House at 7:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend and participate. Applications may be obtained in the Community Development Office.

CODE OFFICERS REPORT

Type of Construction	No. of Permits	Est. Construction Cost
Single Family	10	1,649,500
Multi-Family	0	0
Commercial Buildings	2	28,000
Industrial Buildings	0	0
Residential Remodeling	75	1,125,709
Commercial Remodeling	23	1,787,200
Industrial Remodeling	3	14,300
TOTALS	113	4,604,709

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	NO. OF PERMITS
Demolition Permits	7
Excavation & Fill Permits	11
Sign Permits	46
Temporary Sign Registrations	18

Community Development Task Force

Moving toward a Community Development Policy, a comprehensive planning, growth and development strategy.

The Office of Community Development asked the Economic Development Authority to chair a Community Development Task Force comprised of all land use, conservation and public and private development groups. The task, to develop a comprehensive development policy plan over the next year and move toward clear agreement on town development strategy. To accomplish this, representation from two members of each committee or Board has been asked to participate. To then bring to the Task Force the knowledge, skills, expertise, thoughts, ideas and suggestions from their viewpoint. The membership of the Task Force currently includes the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Long Range Planning, Downtown 2000, Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Authority, Riverwalk, and Selectmen. The CONVAL District and Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee will also be asked to participate in 1998.

The Task Force is in it's infancy stage and has begun with a strong educational component provided by the Office of Community Development. Presentations and discussion have included Peterborough's economic history, along with the current economic conditions and trends at the regional, national and global levels. Much good work and study has been also done by many of the Boards and Committees represented on the Task Force. The current and future work will be to review and take the lessons learned from each report, gather further expertise and knowledge and outline a specific strategy to guide Peterborough's immediate future.

To engage the broader public in this discussion, the Economic Development Authority successfully applied to the Major A. Erland and Hazel Goyette Fund for resources that will be dedicated to reporting the progress of the Community Development task Force to the community. Resources will be dedicated to finding the most useful way to gain feedback and consensus from the community, as a whole, during the next year. The total request was for $30,000. The Town must match the first

$15,000 from the Goyette Fund as is shows in the funding request which has been written as a warrant article in the 1998 budget.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Community Development Task Force

Katharine Eneguess
Chairman

Economic Development Authority

Research and communications continue to be the watch words of the Economic Development Authority. Early in the formation of this Authority it became clear that fact based research is greatly needed. Our priority has been to change the perception that Peterborough is anti-growth. This requires current and accurate facts which then can be communicated to businesses looking to expand or move to the Monadnock Region and specifically, Peterborough. The status of our infrastructure needs to be continuously updated in a comprehensive manner. In concert with the EDA, water, wetlands, sewers, land parcel mapping and parking remain the focus of research being done by the Office of Community Development. There has been great progress since last report. Many development projects are being positively addressed and educational forums on economic development and opportunity are readily available to community members and interested investors. Economic activity within Peterborough is moving in a positive direction.

In 1997, the Economic Development Authority requested funds for an industrial land inventory and survey of the Town. This has been completed, well under budget. The factual information gained will require additional analysis, provide essential information to the Town well ahead in the ability to inventory available property. This will inform the Community Development Task Force as its works on a community development master policy plan in 1998. (See Community Development Task Force Report.)

Along with the above, two key pieces of work outline the accomplishments of the Economic Development Authority.

1. Getting the State to focus on the intersection of Route 101 and 202 and the Route 202 corridor throughout the Town of Peterborough.
2. The creation of the first Tax Increment Finance District.

Each requires an extraordinary effort of coordination with local, county and state officials. The Tax increment Finance District is a warrant article for 1998 and the Route 202 corridor and intersection is now in the planning phase in cooperative effort with the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

It is with regret, that the Economic Development Authority accepts the resignations of Glen Swanson, Katherine Dodge and John Vance as they each move onto other opportunities of community service.

Respectfully submitted
for the Committee:

Katharine Eneguess
Chairman

Finance Director's Report
1997

The Finance Department, which includes the accounting functions, tax collection, and utility billing for the Town, made some significant changes in 1997.

Our first accomplishment was to change the Town's method of financial reporting from a cash basis to a modified accrual and accrual basis of accounting. All governmental fund types, expendable trust funds, and agency funds utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting, with revenue being recorded when it is measurable and available, and expenditures recorded when the fund liabilities are incurred, except for long-term debt, which is recorded when due for payment. Financial statements for the proprietary funds (water & wastewater) are maintained on an accrual basis, with revenue recognized when earned and expenditures when incurred. While we have achieved a lot during 1997, there will be additional enhancements in the future.

The internal control structure is designed to insure that the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft, or misuse, and that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. There were several financial and managerial changes made in 1997 to strengthen the internal control structure of the Town. Some of the financial procedures adopted were centralizing the collection of cash receipts, updating the purchase order system, adapting conformity in recording expenditures within each department, and revising the reporting procedures on taxes for the Town Treasurer. We believe that the Town's internal accounting controls adequately safeguard assets, provide assurance of proper recording of financial transactions, and maintain accountability of assets.

The 1997 Town Budget continued an earnest "Budget Reduction Program" which had been established by the Board of Selectmen in 1996. The purpose and goal of this program is to reduce the rate of growth in the cost of providing local municipal services and programs, without adversely affecting the essential services of the Town. This program has been successful over the past two years due to the dedicated and ardent work of all of the

department directors and the town administrator.

The finance staff developed a new type of real estate tax bill in order to increase efficiency of the department and supply additional information to our residents. The new bill is in the form of a mailer which saves on the cost of purchasing and stuffing envelopes. The new tax bill now shows the individual tax amounts for the School, Town, and County. We also acquired a presorted first class mail permit to save on the cost of postage.

During our review of the utility billing procedures, we discovered that there were many water meters that were not reading the use of water accurately or the water meters were inoperative. We worked with the utilities department to address these issues and obtained supplementary revenues for the water and wastewater funds. A new type of water metering system and the replacement of all water meters has been started. This project should give us a more accurate reading which will hopefully increase the annual revenues for the water and wastewater funds.

The finance staff, Ron Christian and Robert Geisel, has my sincere appreciation for their dedication and hard work on the accomplishments achieved in 1997. My special thanks is expressed to the employees of the other Town departments for their cooperation during the changes.

Respectfully submitted

Nancie Vaihinger
Finance Director

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January 1, 1998

Dear Forest Fire Warden and Town Officials:

Attached is a copy of the 1997 Report of the Town Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger. This is provided to you for your information and publication in the 1997 Town Report. The Division of Forests and Lands feels that the general information and statistics that are contained in this report are a valuable tool in assisting with forest fire prevention efforts in your community. If you have any questions, please contact me at the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, PO Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856, or (603) 271-2217.

Respectfully Submitted,

Forest Ranger

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REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY		CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	3
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	OHRV	0
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
		Incendiary	33
TOTAL FIRES	726	Fireworks	16
TOTAL ACRES	177.17		

Forest Ranger

Forest Fire Warden

Fire/Rescue Ambulance Report
1997

The Peterborough Fire Department consists of one Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, one Fire Captain, one Ambulance Coordinator/Captain, two Lieutenants, thirty-two firefighting and emergency medical personnel, and a part-time administrative assistant. The Department provides fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to Peterborough and Sharon. Emergency ambulance service is also provided on a regular basis to Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, and Hancock. The Department also sends and receives mutual aid for fire, rescue and emergency medical services with area communities through the Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid System.

Operations

The Department responded to 865 incidents in 1997, of which 729 involved emergency medical services.

Fires inside structures (includes chimneys)	14
Vehicle fires	10
Brush/grass fires	4
Other outside fires	3
Emergency medical service	729
Extrication/rescue (motor vehicle accidents)	37
Other rescue	3
Leaks/spills, without fire	12
Electrical Hazards	13
Other hazardous conditions	13
Service Calls	3
Good intent calls	17
Malicious false alarms	7
Alarm malfunctions	57
Accidental automatic alarms	16
Mutual Aid (non medical)	23

Emergency Medical Service by Town

Peterborough	449
Dublin	89
Hancock	42
Greenfield	75
Francestown	37
Sharon	13
Jaffrey	20
Temple	2
New Ipswich	2
TOTAL	729

Risk Reduction and Public Education

The Department continued its fire safety education efforts in schools and day care centers. During Fire Prevention Week, members visited day cares and the elementary and middle Schools to present programs for the students. The Department Open House that week featured fire extinguisher training, fire safety videos, distribution of fire safety education materials, and a coloring contest.

Emphasis on properly operating smoke detectors in residential property and sprinklers in larger buildings is a priority of the Department. Construction and renovation projects are reviewed and monitored for fire protection features and fire code compliance from the planning stages through occupancy. The downtown area was the site of several major projects. Due to the age, types of construction and proximity of the buildings, many complex Fire Code issues were involved. We appreciate the cooperation of the developers.

We continued to review multi-unit residential buildings in the Town for code required smoke detectors. Many buildings are compliant but a significant number are not. Priorities have been developed based on the number of units and other risk factors, and efforts to ensure compliance continue. The cooperation of most property owners has been excellent in this effort.

The Department is happy to provide fire safety information to individuals or groups on request by calling 924-8090.

Training and Education

Monthly drills on basic firefighting and rescue techniques were held under the direction of the Deputy Chiefs. Topics covered included water rescue, ventilation, wildland fires, vehicle extrication, dry hydrants, ladder pipes, use of self contained breathing apparatus, water supply, evacuation of health care facilities. Outside instructors presented classroom and hands-on training in school bus rescue and arson investigation. Public Service of NH presented a program on electrical emergencies related to their lines and equipment. In October a major casualty exercise was conducted jointly by the Department, Monadnock Community Hospital, and Harborside Healthcare-Pheasantwood. The exercise involved a mock roof collapse and fire in a nursing home with twenty victims injured. Fire suppression, extrication, triage, treatment and transportation of victims, as well as communication with the hospital, helicopter landing coordination and staging of resources were among the functions carried out in the field by over sixty fire and medical personnel from Peterborough and mutual aid towns. At the same time the hospital tested their systems which would be initiated with an incident of this magnitude. The assistance of the Peterborough Police and the help of the Boy Scouts who served as victims was most helpful.

Officer training consisted of additional monthly sessions which included pre-fire walk through of larger buildings, review of equipment and procedures, and evaluation of water supplies.

Emergency medical personnel participated in classes and seminars in-house and elsewhere, in order to maintain their certifications in various medical skills. Monthly training sessions were utilized to provide continuing education credit. Topics covered included patient assessment, cardiac care, packaging of accident victims, diabetic emergencies, and recertification in CPR. With the assistance of the Monadnock Hospital Emergency Department, medical personnel maintained certification in the use of automatic heart defibrillators and glucometers.

Many members of the Department spent additional time attending classes and seminars to further improve their skills. Several became nationally registered Emergency Medical Technicians while others upgraded their certifications from EMT-Basic to EMT-Intermediate. This enables them to provide a higher level of pre-hospital care to those patients who need it. Two

pump operation classes were held with several additional members now qualified as apparatus operators.

The Department supports and encourages participation in the Meadowood Fire School and other continuing education programs in fire, rescue, and emergency medical services. These programs enable the participants to maintain and upgrade their skills and to bring knowledge back to their fellow members.

The Department also served as the host for CPR classes for area personnel and provided on-site CPR training for several groups, including town employees. Fire extinguisher training was provided for civic organizations on request.

Apparatus and Equipment

A new ambulance was placed in service to replace a 1990 unit that was overloaded and deteriorating. The Department's tanker was damaged beyond repair in an accident. Specifications have been developed for a replacement which will be paid for by insurance. Until its delivery , tanker coverage is being supplied by surrounding towns through the Mutual Aid system.

Water Supplies

In conjunction with the Director of Public Works priorities were developed for the replacement and addition of hydrants to improve fire protection. In addition, the Department participates in planning relative to improvements to the municipal water supply and distribution system. Consideration of fire protection is an essential part of the planning process, and interaction with the public works and community development office is ongoing. Two new dry hydrants were incorporated into the Spring Road and Route 136 bridge reconstruction projects in order to improve water supplies for firefighting in areas beyond the municipal water system..

Support Activities

The Auxiliary continued to support the Department with many hours of donated time at emergencies, training and other activities. They again sponsored a very successful Christmas party for members and their families.

The Explorer Post was very active with the Department, participating in training, emergency operations, and a variety of other activities throughout the year.

The Fire and Rescue Association, in addition to the generous support of citizens at large, was the recipient of a substantial grant from the Goyette Fund to maintain and preserve the Aquarius Fire Museum and its collection, especially the 1914 American LaFrance Pumper

Administration

In accordance with the vote of the 1997 Town Meeting, a major change in funding of the ambulance service was initiated. This involved the implementation of user fees to defray some or all of the costs of operating the ambulance service. This is a change from the entirely tax-funded service in the past. Because of the lengthy process involved in setting up a billing system, completing the necessary documentation for insurance reimbursements, etc., billing was not fully underway until the end of the year. Thanks to the generosity of the Monadnock Community Hospital which is providing the billing service at no cost, we are now receiving payments for services rendered in 1997 and will move forward under this system in 1998.

We again stress that while we anticipate most of our fees will be covered by Medicare, Medicaid, workers compensation or private insurance, NO ONE WILL BE REFUSED SERVICE DUE TO INABILITY TO PAY, LACK OF INSURANCE OR AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE.

Another significant change was the establishment of a part-time administrative assistant position to the Department. This has improved the quality of record-keeping and other administrative functions in accordance with expectations for a modern fire-rescue service.

The Department, as always, is seeking men and women who wish to serve their community in a most rewarding way and can commit the time required to serve in the fire and emergency medical services.

In closing, we would like to thank the many people and organizations who assisted us throughout the year. The help of the other Town departments and officials is most appreciated in day to day business, risk reduction activities, and emergency operations. The support of the citizens of Peterborough , through tax dollars and contributions to our fund raisers, is gratefully received. Community support and pride in the services provided are the

greatest motivators for our members. The cooperation of the businesses who enable their employees to serve the public by responding to calls during work hours is essential to the success of the Department. Last, but certainly not least, we thank the families of Department members. They adjust to the many hours put in, often at inconvenient times, and continue to support the commitment of the men and women of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Black, Chief
Ronald Bowman, Captain
Bradley Winters, Deputy Chief
Michael Caisse, Lieutenant
Ronald Stickney, Deputy Chief
Paul Thibault, Lieutenant
Julie Thibault, Ambulance Coordinator/Captain

Cemetery Report

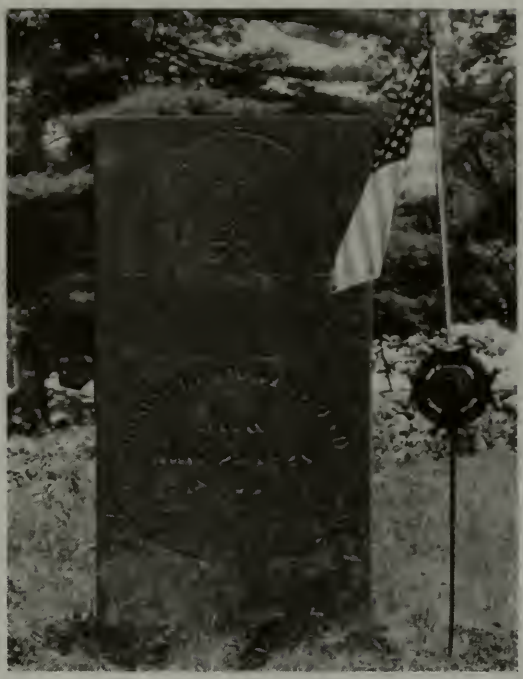
During 1997 the Attorney General's office approved the cy pres petition submitted by the Trustees of the Trust Funds to use a portion of the accumulated interest of Trust Funds for a number of major improvements in Town cemeteries. Among those projects are the paving of Upper Pine Hill Cemetery, landscape plantings in Middle Pine Hill Cemetery, directories and maps at the Upper and Lower Pine Hill entrances. During the year there were 19 burials. Seven deeds, for a total of 17 grave sites, were issued.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lambert
JoAnn Hall
Leonard Paradise

Cemetery Trustees

William Diamond
1755 - 1828



William Diamond grew up in boston where he learned his trade as a wheelwright. He moved to Lexington in 1775 to find work. when Paul Revere and William Dawes brought the alarm to Lexington, that the British were coming, Mr. Diamond rushed to the Lexington Common to join Captain Parker and the local militia. Mr. Diamond was ordered to remain there while the militia retired to the tavern and other houses nearby. Young Mr. Diamond was to wait for the British, and to sound the reveille on his drum at their arrival. In the early morning hours of April 19, 1775, the long roll of William Diamond's drum warned the minutemen. Moments later eight members of the Lexington militia lay dead or dying on the Lexington Green and the war had begun. Mr. Diamond borrowed a musket and followed the British to Concord where he fought against them. He joined the new Continental Army and served as a musician, i.e. drummer, in the battles of Bunker Hill, Trenton and Princeton. After the war he worked as a wheelwright and married Rebecca Simonds of Lexington in 1783. In 1795 the Diamonds moved to Peterborough to raise their six children on a thirty-two acre farm on what is now called Diamond Road. They had a small house and barn, three goats, two cows and a pig. A simple slate marks his grave in the Old Street Road cemetery. A very humble end to a man who marshaled our liberty with is drum! Mr. Diamond's drum is preserved by the Lexington, Massachusetts historical society. A member of Mr. Diamond's family still resides in Peterborough, Eva Diamond Stockwell of Webb Road.

Photo taken by Ed Crabtree
Text from research text by Father Paul Fohlin formerly of the Common
Materials courtesy of the Peterborough Historical Society

Health Department Report
1997

1997 was a busy year for the Peterborough Health Department.

I attended the two regular State Health Officers meetings, plus one additional special meeting as required.

I also responded to the following complaints:

9 Failed septic systems.

3 Heat complaints.

4 Asbestos complaints.

1 lead complaint.

I made 6 Day Care Inspections.

3 Foster Care Inspections.

1 Physical Therapy Unit inspection.

I would suggest that those citizens who use septic tank systems to please have your system checked out and maintained in good weather.

We have available at the Health Office a state booklet entitled "You and Your Septic System.". For those of you not familiar with such systems, reading it could save you money.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Lenane
Health Officer

Joint Loss Management Committee

Summary of Activities for 1997

In compliance with State law, the Town has established a Joint Loss Management Committee to promote workplace safety in Town operations. The committee consists of designees from each Department with a balance between labor and management. Bill Cote of Compensation Funds of New Hampshire serves as an advisor.

The Committee met nine times during the year and achieved four major goals:

1. A safety policy for the town developed by the Committee was adopted by the Board of Selectman.
2. Inspection subcommittees visited the facilities of the various departments. During these visits, tours of the buildings were conducted with attention to safety considerations. The findings of the subcommittees were presented to the full committee for discussion. Input was solicited from all participants and recommendations made to further enhance workplace health and safety in each facility.
3. Items for ongoing training for employees were developed. A CPR class was presented in two sessions with employees from several departments participating. Suggestions for future training included addition CPR sessions and fire extinguisher operation. The Committee will be planning these and other programs.
4. Employee injury reports were reviewed by the Committee with the objective of preventing recurrences with training, equipment, or procedures. A new report of injury form was developed by the Committee with the assistance of Nancie Vaihinger in the Finance Department.

The Committee made substantial progress this year in developing ideas and enhancing cooperation among all employees of the town in the area of workplace safety. It should be noted that Peterborough continues to have an excellent safety record which is to the credit of all involved. The Committee thanks the Department Heads, Supervisors and Staff for another good year.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Cote of Compensation Funds of New Hampshire for his assistance in Committee activities, conducting the safety programs, and his supervision with inspections. The Committee is looking forward to working with him in 1998.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald D. Christian, Chairman
Tammie J. Blanchette, Secretary
Ernest Belletete
Stephen Black
Michael Caisse
Carolyn Carter
Edward Chase
Dana Hadley
Kristen Hamill
Michael Ryder
Peter Ryner
M. Sean Stone

1997
Peterborough Police Report

About the Peterborough Police Department

The Peterborough Police Department is a 24-hour-per-day, 365-day-per-year public-safety agency consisting of 10 full-time officers, 6 part-time (special) officers and 2 clerk/dispatchers. We make every effort to operate two police vehicles at all times. During busy periods, our visibility may be greater.

Our standards are high. The men and women of the Peterborough Police Department are dedicated to their profession and to the community which they serve. Each officer has undergone a rigorous selection process and received up to 12 weeks of physical and academic training. Many officers are also certified in advanced skills beyond basic training. Staff training is encouraged and on-going.

An open house was held during the summer to allow citizens and businesses to meet the officers and tour the new facility. Held largely to bring the department closer to the community, we hope that people will continue to share their thoughts with us.

Staff

A new concept in prosecution for the police department was introduced in 1997. The towns of Peterborough and Jaffrey pursued jointly funding a full-time prosecuting attorney. With the addition of this individual, the need for a police officer to assume a dual role as officer and prosecutor will be unnecessary. Although the concept will not be fully realized until 1998, both departments eagerly look forward to this endeavor.

Restructuring the department during the Fall of 1997 reduced the number of full-time police officers from 11 to 10. The department's prosecuting police officer holding the rank of corporal resigned his position. This position is not expected to be filled.

Entering 1998, two highly-deserved promotions will take effect. Sergeant Bruce McCall will assume the rank of lieutenant and Detective Ernest Belletete will assume the rank of sergeant. The dedication and professionalism these two officers demonstrate is an asset to the department and to the community.

Seven full-time officers will report to the lieutenant and sergeant along with six part-time officers and two clerk/dispatchers.

New Materials in 1997

1997 was a tragic year for the New Hampshire law-enforcement community. Our hearts remain with the families and friends of the men and women struck down during the summer of 1997. Their tragic deaths were felt across the country. Several of the town's officers attended these highly emotional and personally-felt services.

Bullet-Proof Vests. The Peterborough Police Department and the town administrators are concerned with the on-going safety of the town's officers. Through their unanimous support, the department purchased bullet-proof vests for all full and part-time officers which will be delivered during the first quarter of 1998. Never before have vests been standard equipment for Peterborough Police Officers. These vests are now an integral part of the officer's uniform and are standard-issued equipment.

Outside Call Box. In August 1997, a call box was installed near the front door of the police station to better serve the public. This phone enables individuals who need police assistance to immediately speak to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center during the times the police station is unstaffed. Dispatch will contact an on-duty Peterborough Police Officer and relay the information.

Since its installation in August, the phone has been used often to assist both Peterborough citizens and out-of-town motorists.

Emergency Generator. To enable the department to fulfill its essential-emergency services during power outages, we are equipped with a propane-gas powered emergency generator installed in November 1997. This allows the department to operate fully and continue to provide critical service to the community during severe weather conditions and other incidents interrupting power supply.

Positive Interaction With School Administrators

The Peterborough Police Department is committed to keeping the area schools safe and drug free through awareness and intervention. Two Peterborough Police Officers are certified Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) officers. 1997 was a successful year for this program. 422 school children participated in the D.A.R.E. Program which educates children of the dangers of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

Three Peterborough Police Officers serve as liasions with South Meadow School and Conval High School. Every other week these officers and the school administrators meet to discuss issues involving the school and local law enforcement. Positive results have been realized due to these meetings where a proactive rather than a reactive approach is taken relative to school and police issues.

Increased Services

Servicing the community is our primary responsibility. During 1997, the Peterborough Police Department experienced increased requests for certain service-oriented duties. Additional requests were received for vacant property and house checks, motor vehicle lockouts, civil standbys and, for the first time, fingerprinting for public sector employment screening (such as for the public school system).

The Peterborough Police Department performs periodic security checks on residential dwellings when requested by home owners who temporarily vacate their homes for vacation, employment assignment or medical confinement. The vacant property check (VPC), when performed randomly, serves as a deterrent against the possibility of a residential burglary being committed or, in cases where a crime has been committed, serves to ensure that appropriate corrective action is taken and that an investigation is conducted in a timely manner.

Activity Report for Year Ending December 31, 1997

Activity

Calls for Service	8,852
Reported Crimes	744
Investigations (Cases)	622
Motor Vehicle Accidents	272
Arrests	228
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Hours - Patrol	9,595
Hours - Calls for Service	3,807
Hours - Investigations	1,805
Hours - Reports	1,426
Hours - Court	858
Miles - Patrol	120,854

Reported and Investigated Crimes

Citizen Assists (Escorts/Fingerprints/DMV)	1,592
Assist Other Agencies (Police/Fire/Ambulance)	598
Alarms	353
Animal Complaints	235

Motor Vehicle Complaints	193
Juvenile Complaints	151
Thefts	137
Criminal Mischief	74
Drug Possession	61
Domestic Violence	38
DWI	37
Assaults	32
Harassment	30
Worthless Checks	25
Burglaries	20
Criminal Threatening	9
Sexual Assaults	8
Forgeries	7
Child Abuse/Neglect	3

Other

Vacant Property Checks (VPCs)	2,293
Motor Vehicle Warnings	1,739
Motor Vehicle Citations	250
Parking Tickets	91

Final Thoughts

1997 was a year of transition for the Peterborough Police Department. It is with utmost gratitude, respect and sincerity that I thank my fellow officers and dispatchers for their support and dedication. The men and women of this department are of the finest quality both as individuals and in their professions. They are hard working, knowledgeable and team spirited. It is with great honor that I serve them as well as this community.

I would like to thank our town administrator, Pamela Andrade, our selectmen, Lawrence Ross, Charles Leedham and Roland Patten, for their guidance, support and belief in my abilities to serve the Town of Peterborough. It is with immense pride that I will honor this appointment and to the best of my abilities, will continue to serve them and the community.

And finally to the citizens and businesses of Peterborough, I thank you for the countless letters, phone calls and public offerings of support. Although I have failed to thank everyone individually, know that your kindness has not gone unnoticed. It is you who the Peterborough Police Department serves, and I thank you for letting me serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott M. Guinard
Chief of Police

Recreation Report
1997

Cunningham Pond's MARSHALL-THOMAS RECREATION AREA, a 13 acre property with a 200 foot public beach, officially opened on Saturday, June 21th. This astounding generosity, by Stephen and Elizabeth Marshall Thomas is a legacy compared only by the vision of Mrs. George Adam's 9 acre gift to the Town of Peterborough in 1914. As is with Union Street's Adams playground, the Marshall-Thomas Recreation Area is now a vibrant and wholesome center of public recreation for Our Town.

Every year the PRD encounters a handful of residents, like the Thomas', content on keeping a low profile but whose service or gift to the community truly becomes high impact! Dr. Richard Frechette, Cubmaster of Pact #8 and Scoutmaster, Carl Berntsen of Boy Scout Troop #8 come quickly to mind. Through their collective efforts 300 shrubs, evergreens and berry bushes were planted, replacing damaged plants the occurred during the beach's project construction and thus improving the aesthetics of the Marshall-Thomas Recreation Area.

The PRD's utmost gratitude is also extended to Susan Mansfield and Kirsten Peterson, of Swift Water Council Girl Scout Troop #258, for promoting a comparable high impact park beautification program for Adams playground.

Special thanks to Don Rodenhiser for both initiating and the year to year coordination of the Loran E. Hanson Memorial Fishing Derby held annually at Dubois Pond. The year 1997 marked the PRD-Trout Unlimited's 7th Annual Event in which 107 children participated.

Our gratitude also goes our to Iphigenia (Ginny) Hatt of Southwest N.H. services. In conjunction with the generosity of the Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund, children at Riverview had on site access to a summer recreation leader. Filling in admirably, in this first time position was Erica Alusic.

Further unsung heroes during 1997 were: Mark Bemont, Joan Butler, Tom Brennan, Robert Berube, Thelma Clark, Steve Conroy, Susan Copley, Mary Donaldson, Sophia Gemborys, Debby Giaimo, Craig Hicks, Janet Koerber, Pat Lang's 3rd grade class at PES, Eleanor Lapinsky, Tom Mansfield, Derrick Nichols, Jim Orr, Shawn Reynolds, Keith Rodenhiser, Alma Ruth, Kathie Schofield, John Smith, Jose Teixeira, Chris Williams and Gerald Wolf.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the many league officers, program volunteers and business sponsors who truly keep young children active in wholesome recreational activities from year to year.

Relevant to puppetry, children's theater and the arts there are never enough plaudits for the extra efforts of Glori B. Luebbermann. Glori B. is exceptionally talented and the PRD is indebted to her for her ongoing contributions in music and the arts.

Homer Paradise and Andy Norton work part-time administrating to the department's maintenance needs. Their expertise and dedicated service to the PRD is most appreciated.

Coordinating American Red Cross Swimming, Arts & Crafts and Tennis lessons as well as a host of other creative year-round recreational programs come under the able leadership of Kristen Hamill. Moreover, her selection of summer staff, for both Adams Playground and Cunningham Pond go a long way in determining the kind of experience children enjoy during their long awaited summer vacation. Kristen is just as exemplary in her work with Sr. Focus and other advisory community adult groups which meet regularly at the PRD.

Finally, the PRD staff would like to thank the Peterborough Recreation Committee, Cunningham Pond's Advisory Committee as well as Peterborough's Friends of Recreation for their constant and dependable support.

Respectfully

Roland Jutras
Director

Cunningham Pond Photo Dana Hadley

Riverwalk Committee

Throughout 1997, the Riverwalk Committee continued to focus on our Phase I section with the hopes of beginning construction by the summer of 1998. With the assistance of Peter Ryner and working with our Design/Build contractor, CHA Tech Services, LLC we have completed the engineering and design phase and are currently completing the permitting process for this section. We are also finalizing all easements associated with this section so that we are ready for construction.

We have been fortunate to enlist the help of two new committee members, George Toumanoff and Norman DePratti. Whose collective expertise will support the current effort of the Riverwalk Committee. The Riverwalk appreciate the time and effort given by past member John Vance and we know that we will be able to call on him for additional support in the future.

We continue to focus on fund raising with the majority of efforts in writing grants. Dollars received from the A. Erland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund and National Recreational Trails Fund were allocated to the design, engineering and permitting of Phase I.

Going forward, the committee will be working closely with both Peter Ryner and Edward Chase as we start the development process for the north bound section of the Riverwalk. For the ISTEAS funds that will be available in the year 2000, we have been assigned a project manager from the State of new Hampshire, and will begin meeting on this phase in the very near future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peterborough Riverwalk Committee

Southwest Region Planning Commission
20 Central Square, Second Floor Keene, NH 03431 603-357-0557 FAX 357-7440

January, 1998

Ms. Pamela Andrade, Town Administrator
Town of Peterborough
1 Grove Street
Peterborough, NH 03458

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TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

Dear Ms. Andrade:

Please accept this letter as a general report of activities of the Southwest Region Planning Commission over the past year.

The Planning Commission, with a service area covering 35 municipalities in Cheshire and Hillsborough Counties, is one of New Hampshire's nine regional planning agencies established by RSA 36. We continue to provide planning-related assistance to member communities and to represent the Southwest Region in state and federal programs. Our diverse work program covers activities such as local planning assistance, regional information systems & mapping, transportation planning, community & economic development, and natural resources planning. We are funded through multiple sources including local dues contributed by member municipalities. For every dollar of local dues, the Commission's operating budget includes over four additional dollars to assist in meeting the needs of the Region and its municipal members. These additional funds are provided in the form of various federal, state and local grants and contracts. These resources provide the Commission the ability to assemble a professional staff which member municipalities have direct access to.

Highlights of Commission activities for the past year include establishing an economic development planning program; award of a contract to study the Route 101 corridor from Keene to Milford; facilitation of a 10-year Transportation Improvement Program for the Southwest Region; preparation of a document and process to promote natural resources planning; participation in sponsoring several educational forums on planning related topics; and, use of a federal grant award to construct a mobile resource awareness center for educational purposes which the Town utilized during the opening weekend of its recycling center. In addition to the above, we have provided technical assistance to HCS Community Care in developing its application to establish a bus route in the Town under the State's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program and continue staff support of the Contoocook River Local Advisory Committee under the New Hampshire Rivers Program.

We continue to be available to assist you in your planning related activities - please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a project you would like to discuss. Thank you for your continued support of the Commission. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Sincerely,

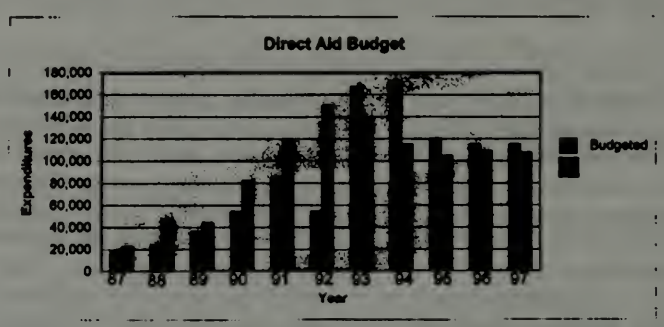
Tim Murphy

Timothy P. Murphy
Executive Director

Welfare Report
1997

This year has given us an inkling of what we may expect under our new Welfare Rules and Regulations. Washington has seen fit to give our State block grants to cover Federal Programs once operated by Federal Agencies, and has also curtailed or eliminated eligibility of clients formerly receiving benefits.

You will note by the accompanying chart, how our Direct Aid Budget has been coming down, and might well ask why we in this period of relative prosperity have people who still require assistance?



I will answer that question by noting that we have a 2.2 unemployment rate currently. Information from the US Department of Labor states that when we get to 2.8 unemployed, we are looking at the unemployable.

Also I might note that we have on apartment complex of 96 apartments, two apartment complexes under a Federal Subsidy plan and a private housing charity with three more apartment houses for low and moderate income families.

This in a Town of 5600 people with very little employment available to people of limited experience and training, plus no public transportation to any other area of employment.

We seem to be following the trend reported by other agencies, of more people needing assistance with food, dental emergencies etc. who do not qualify for public assistance.

This is a trend which I have been worrying about for the past three years. These folks through no fault of their own (in most cases) are falling between the cracks and must turn to private charities whenever and where ever it is available.

Using the Peterborough Human Services Fund, Inc. we are endeavoring to alleviate these problems. To illustrate, last year

(1996) we gave out 1,333 meals from our food pantry.

This year, (1997) we gave out 2,388 meals the funds as a framework and with the assistance several local charities and generous individuals we were able to pay for the locally needed dental cases which the town could not legally pay for.

The Board of Directors and myself have set a goal for an endowment fund in insure in the future that no deserving person will be in need without funding.

In this calendar year, I attended 11 meetings of the local welfare administrators. My sincere thanks go to Bertha Harris, our Budget Committee liaison, Town Administrator, Pam Brenner, the Board of Selectmen and my fellow workers at the Town House who have been so supportive of me this year. Also thanks and appreciation goes to the following individuals and organization for their generous support.

A&FM Lodge #26 of Free Masons
John P. Adams
Beta Sigma Phi-Phi Chapter
Rosamond Crawford
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dunkelman
Isabelle Miller
The Stanley Peters Family
The Place to Go
Roy's Market
Robert Ray
The Serendipity Shop
St. Vincent De Paul Society
Peterborough Lions Club
Peterborough Rotary Club
Peterborough Shoe Store
Thursday Afternoon Circle Congregational Church
Union Congregational Church
Norma Whitney
Gretchen Judd
The Staff at the Bellows-Nichols Agency

Respectfully Submitted,
James W. Lenane
Human Services Director

Ethics Committee

It seems important to give the citizens of Peterborough a brief description of the task assigned to the Code of Ethics committee, and the approach we took to fulfilling that task.

It has been an interesting experience for me to chair this committee, and to hear the many comments from members of the community, expressed to me during the time or our deliberations. The general tone was reflected in one comment: :I don't envy you. You've got a difficult job." While the assignment was challenging, and required many hours, our work together proved engaging and rewarding. We hope the community will receive and act on this Code in the same thoughtful and caring spirit that prevailed among us, as we sought to act in the best interest of our whole community.

As the outgrowth of last year's Town Meeting, when a Code of Ethics was first introduced then tabled for further consideration, the Selectmen appointed a committee representing many different viewpoints. Members were Richard Fernald, Walter Peterson leo Smith, Elizabeth Thomas, James Wheeler, Deputy Chairman, Douglas Williams, and myself, David Baum, As Chairman.

The committee met seven times over a period of four months. Our charge was to explore the feasibility of even having a code of Ethics, and then, if we decided to compose a Code what we felt would be suitable for our community.

Selectmen Larry Ross came to our first meeting to express the Board's purpose in seeking a Code of Ethics. We than had a meeting with Jim Coffey, a Selectman from new Ipswich, who had drafted a code for his community. We sought comments from members of the community and other Town Officials, and spent many hours in discussion, debate, drafting and re-drafting our document.

After a few meetings we all agreed a code of Ethics would be useful for our community, if it were expressed as a guideline for individuals rather than framed as a legal ordinance. In relation to conflict of interest, we agree individual responsibility, good judgment and consideration for the best interest of the community were the fundamental cornerstone of the Code, and that self-disclosure was the primary means of bringing forth such concerns.

We agreed the language of the Code should be positive in nature. We wanted to address all the major areas of concern we could think of, with as little detail as possible. Finally, we agreed the Code should be reviewed after a year's time to evaluate it's terms and effects, and to make any desired change.

Our plan was to present our proposed Code of Ethics at a Public hearing on Thursday evening, March 12, then to Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14 where it would be adopted or not by the citizens of the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Baum, Chairman

Town of Peterborough Code of Ethics

Preamble

As citizens of the Town of Peterborough, we appreciate that we live in a community where people relate to each other with openness, honesty, fairness, and respect. We honor these values, and seek to live by them in our own lives.

In the conduct of our public affairs, we expect those who serve our community as public servants to act in accordance with these same values. As public servants, we mean to include all elected and appointed officials of the Town; all full-time and part-time employees of the Town, whether paid or unpaid; and all volunteers who serve us on behalf of the whole community.

We place our trust in these individuals, and have confidence they will serve us knowledgeably, responsibly and effectively, having in their hearts and minds the best interests of our entire community. Specifically, we ask each of them to subscribe to the following guidelines of a Code of Ethics we have adopted for our community.

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Public servants will demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty, dedication in all public actions and activities in order to inspire public confidence and trust.
2. Public servants will conduct their business with the highest standards of honesty, reliability, consistency, and fairness, and treat all fellow workers and citizens with dignity and respect. No person will be discriminated against because of age, race, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation. Public servants should ensure that the interest of the community and fairness to all are their primary considerations.
3. Public servants will extend fair and equal treatment to all Town officials, Town employees, volunteers performing service to the Town, contractors working for or providing goods or services to the Town, and the general public. No special consideration, advantage or favor shall be given to any person or entity as a result of public status, wealth, position, or personal relationship.

4. Public servants will respect and safeguard confidential or privileged information that may be acquired in the performance of duties and responsibilities for the Town.
5. Public servants shall, in their public position, implement and abide by applicable New Hampshire laws, and all written administrative rules, policies, and procedures established by the Town's Board of Selectmen, or by specifically designated Town officials.
6. Public servants shall avoid any potential or actual conflict of interest in the performance of duties and responsibilities. A conflict of interest might arise in a situation in which a person, designated to act on behalf of the entire community, uses his or her personal contacts or position to advance his or her own private business or financial interests.
7. Public servants are expected to avoid placing themselves in positions involving a conflict of interest, and also to avoid any situations in which a conflict of interest may appear to exist.
8. In cases where a conflict may exist, public servants should disclose the related matter of personal or financial interest to the appropriate person or committee. Matters of personal interest or financial interest to the appropriate person or committee. Matters of personal interest , which need full disclosure, may include but are not limited to, family relationships and financial interest. If the real or perceived interest is determined to be self-serving and not in the public interest, that person should disqualify themselves from participating in the particular action or transaction in question.
9. Public servants should utilize discretion in accepting gratuities, staying within limits of what would be considered a nominal value and/or part of the natural process of relationship between friends and colleagues.

ACCEPTING RESPONISBILITY FOR THIS CODE OF ETHICS

No Code of Ethics can address all situations which may arise in the course of duties performed on behalf of the Town. Personal judgment and common sense are the primary basis for consideration. In cases where doubt occurs or one becomes aware of an apparent violation of this code, individuals are encouraged to speak with their immediate Supervisor, The Town Administrator,

Board or Committee chairperson, or the Town's Board of Selectmen. Seeking advice is the responsibility of the individual. To avoid this counsel does not excuse the individual for having a conflict of interest or otherwise acting in violation of this code.

This code of Ethics does not replace written administrative rules, policies, and procedures established by the Town. A copy of this Code of Ethics will be given to all public servants of this town.

Births of Residents
Town of Peterborough
For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Place	Name of Child Father/Mother (Maiden)	Sex
January 1	Peterborough	Kellin James Bail James William Bail Kimberlee Wilson	M
February 9	Peterborough	Henry Mattew Iwanowicz Timothy Paul Iwanowicz Amy Susan Bellantoni	M
February 24	Lebanon	Evan James McCutcheon Jeremy Scott McCutcheon Melissa Eileen Lamothe	M
March 4	Nashua	Makaylah Lynn Howard Earle Charles Howard, Jr. Lynn Denise Crawford	F
March 5	Peterborough	Brandon Daniel Traffie Daniel David Traffie Darlene Ellen Matson	M
March 6	Peterborough	Kelsey Claire Torphy William Anthony Torphy, III Christine Peirent	F
March 21	Nashua	Chelsea Love Jones Peter Joseph Jones Kelly Ann Hagen	F
March 23	Peterborough	Tyler Corey Brideau Ronald Phillip Brideau, II Lori Ann Rose	M
March 29	Peterborough	Crystalyn Jasmine Doyle Kenneth Joseph Doyle, Jr. Lisa Kimberly Sturtevant	F
March 31	Peterborough	Stephen McCulley Twitchell Timothy Balch Twitchell Elizabeth Fairbrother Marston	M
April 12	Peterborough	Jacob Constantine Hollander Allen David Hollander Katine Irene Makris	M

Date	Place	Name of Child Father/Mother (Maiden)	Sex
April 13	Peterborough	Evan Wilson Clarke William Patrick Clarke Karen Patricia Wilson	M
April 15	Peterborough	Teddie Mariah Martin David John Martin Trixann Young	F
April 29	Peterborough	Courtney Ellen Emond Lionel Harry Emond, III Liane Louise Reenstierna	F
April 30	Peterborough	Erin Kaitlyn Tourgee John Michael Tourgee Kelli Ann Robinson	F
June 2	Peterborough	Jeremiah Raymond Nichols Anthony Joseph Nichols Lisa Marie Harris	M
June 2	Peterborough	John Austin Crowley Robert Norman Crowley Laurie Ann Ryan	M
June 13	Peterborough	Darcie Priscilla Blanchard Donald Charles Blanchard Dawn Mary Hartwell	F
June 18	Peterborough	Travis Shane Piercey Frederick Piercey Lucina Coral Hensens	M
July 11	Peterborough	Doris Jane Donelan James Edward Donelan Jennifer Ann Austin	F
July 14	Peterborough	Ryan Paul Thibault Paul Richard Thibault Julie Elizabeth Hanson	M
July 19	Peterborough	Chloe Manon Rose Pantecoste Cyril Roland Pantecoste Cynthia Ruth Clark	F
July 22	Keene	Sabrina Louise Olson Otto Edward Olson Diana Marie Warnke	F

Date	Place	Name of Child Father/Mother (Maiden)	Sex
August 8	Peterborough	Isaac Andrew Dell Paul Andrew Dell Jennifer Amy Wright	M
September 2	Peterborough	Amanda Jacqueline Merrit David Hathaway Merrit Kimberlyann Burrell	F
October 2	Peterborough	Lindsay Michelle Ober Carroll Clinton Ober Tracy Lynn Wiesberg	F
October 4	Peterborough	Dena Lylion Thaing Tom Thann Thaing Nychea Sun	F
October 4	Peterborough	Olivia Rheiley Eaves Seth Orison Eaves Jamie Jacqueline Bordner	F
November 4	Peterborough	Daniel Johann Frehner Paul Walter Frehner Anne Carter Judkins	M
December 2	Peterborough	Madison Paige Sauvola Michael Albert Sauvola Bethany Dawn Salo	F
December 23	Peterborough	Emily Simone Perry James Jonathan Perry Linda Marie Spenard	F
December 29	Peterborough	Noah Bradley Black Christopher Bowen Black Lisa Marie Lawn	M
December 29	Peterborough	Margaret Katherine Forrest Gregory Scott Forrest Katherine Anne Forrest	F

Marriages of Residents
Town of Peterborough
For Year Ended December 31, 1997

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence
January 4	Jason Samuel Johnson	Northwood
	Heather Elizabeth Norton	Peterborough
January 4	Eric Clifton Chandler	Peterborough
	Wendy Marie Magoon	Peterborough
January 18	James Lawrence Castelot	Peterborough
	Debra May Henderson	Peterborough
January 24	Paul Robinson Moore, Jr.	Peterborough
	Elizabeth B. Bousquet	Peterborough
February 8	Michael Edward Mulhall	Peterborough
	Christine Anne Perry	Peterborough
March 27	Frederick Henry Reynolds, Jr.	Peterborough
	Linda D. Dorr	Peterborough
April 26	James Corey Nason	Peterborough
	Laure Ann Daniel	Peterborough
May 3	Stephen Phillip Bell	Peterborough
	Tricia Dawn Goff	Peterborough
May 18	Bruce L. Birenbaum	Peterborough
	Lisa Mae Coldwell	Marlboro
June 7	Robert Frederick Voghel	Peterborough
	Mary Louise Gauntt	Peterborough
June 7	James Robert Greenough, Sr.	Peterborough
	Melinda Jean Smith	Peterborough
June 8	William W. Glover	Francestown
	Jenny Lynn Aldrich	Peterborough
June 14	Donald Lee Knightly	Peterborough
	Joanne Lisa Lane	Peterborough
June 21	Travis Richard Hatmaker	Antrim
	Amy Lynne Toko	Peterborough

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence
June 28	Shannon Patrick Murphy	Peterborough
	Carla Elizabeth Ricard	Peterborough
July 5	Thomas William Scraggs	Peterborough
	Karen Lee Whitney	Peterborough
July 19	John Frederic Fortin, Jr.	Peterborough
	Elizabeth Anne Ring	Peterborough
August 2	Mark J. Gurney	Peterborough
	Rhonda Lillian Rzeczycki	Claremont
August 9	Gregory Paul Webb	Peterborough
	Anita Marie Gobeil	Peterborough
August 15	James L. Rodrigues, Jr.	Peterborough
	Dana Catherine Wood	Peterborough
August 16	Mark Wilson Monkton	Peterborough
	Beverly Ann Gauthier	Peterborough
August 23	Jeremiah Anthony O'Sullivan	Peterborough
	Amy Loveland Nichols	Peterborough
August 23	Glenn Charles Hughgill	Peterborough
	Polly Ann Harper	Peterborough
August 23	Robert Donald Hartwell, Jr.	Peterborough
	Cindy Roxanne Speed	Peterborough
September 6	Osman Selim Gurel	Chestnut Hill, Ma.
	Michelle Hannah Miller	Peterborough
September 9	David Michael Decoste	Peterborough
	Wendy Marie Petrie	Peterborough
September 13	Christopher Scott Martens	Peterborough
	Carolyn Anne Farrow	Peterborough
September 20	Michael Barrett Humphrey	Peterborough
	Michelle Leigh Tremblay	Peterborough
September 27	Scott Christopher Jaynes	Peterborough
	Annika Meith Brown	Peterborough

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence
September 27	Terry Douglas Ramborger	Peterborough
	Virginia Page Cunningham	Peterborough
October 4	James Michael Coppo	Troy
	Ann Marie Wood	Peterborough
November 1	Gregory Scott Blake	Peterborough
	Judy Elizabeth Lewis	Hancock
November 8	Jason Troy Garner	Peterborough
	Angela Michelle Davis	Peterborough
November 27	William Thomas Galarneau	Peterborough
	Patricia Wanjiku Mwaura	Nashua
December 21	Tony Patrick Fogarty	Antwerp
	Leah Sheola	Peterborough

Deaths of Residents
Town of Peterborough
Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date	Place	Name	Father/Mother
January 1	Peterborough	Gertrude E. Eckert	Andrew Gack Lizette Wehrmann
February 1	Peterborough	William A. Bunce	William E. Bunce Claribel Shattuck
February 10	Peterborough	Theodore Thomas	Hermann Thomas Emily L. Hill
February 11	Peterborough	Mary F. Connard	Robert S. Hoffman May Fiske
February 13	Peterborough	Anna M. Carey	Louis Bush Loretto Blemly
February 17	Peterborough	Louis Buttner	Leon Buttner Stella Skrzypinski
February 18	Peterborough	Hazel B. Allen	A. Worcester Baler, Jr. Louis L. Steele
February 19	Peterborough	Clara M. R. Caron	Zotique Caron Celina LaPlant
February 23	Peterborough	Edna Roome	William C. Ford Dorothea E. Scharfenberg
February 28	Peterborough	Donald J. Rauscher	John Rauscher Helen Duguid
March 6	Peterborough	Richard N. Clattenburg	Albert E. Clattenburg Cornelia L. Norris
March 17	Peterborough	Vivien R. Whitney	Arthur B. Walsh Vivien Rogers

Date	Place	Name	Father/Mother
March 28	Peterborough	Albion W. R. Lane, Sr.	Wilmer R. Lane Lillian M. Jones
March 28	Peterborough	Edward J. Lobacki	Joseph Lobacki Victoria Slowik
March 28	Peterborough	Gertrude O. N. Lavoie	John C. Naylor, Sr. Emma
April 1	Peterborough	Signue A. Aubert	Peter Froebert Annette Anderson
April 1	Peterborough	William R. Bell May Rothe	George H. Bell
April 6	Peterborough	Veye E. Nolan	Frank Firth Edna Nagle
April 6	Peterborough	Jean B. Martin	William G. Lavoie Gertrude Naylor
April 12	Peterborough	Margaret L. Christian	John A. Hutchinson Margaret L. Hagerty
April 16	Peterborough	Yvonne A. Creighton	Homer E. Piper Cora Gurton
April 25	Peterborough	Marie Wallace	Osisas Deschamps Petite
April 28	Peterborough	Alice C. Powers	Edgar Cuddeback Jenny Denton
April 29	Peterborough	Otis John McQuillan	Joseph A. McQuillan Victoria Bourgoine
May 3	Peterborough	Mildred S. Shields	Wilbur B. Mackey Jennie Mae Stiens
May 6	Peterborough	Leonard E. Cashion	James M. Cashion Julia Small

Date	Place	Name	Father/Mother
May 13	Bedford	Jill Ann Bergeron	Brian Akerman Jane Barlow
May 16	Peterborough	Virginia F. Richardson	Henry E. Walkup Ester O. Spates
May 28	Peterborough	Lydia E. Kesti	John F. Phillips Sophia M. Ako
June 18	Peterborough	Ruth F. Dodge	Charles Bradbury Edith Churchill
June 19	Dover	Dorothy L. Barber	Sidney Jordan Jaura Googins
June 23	Peterborough	Rosilda S. Wilson	Joseph Saucier Amelia
June 24	Peterborough	Laroy Roome	Edwin L. Roome, Sr. Elizabeth Brower
July 8	Keene	Luette S. Eaton	Lyman Spitzer Blanche Brumbach
July 27	Peterborough	Joan DeForest Parish	Gerome Brush Louise Seymour
July 31	Peterborough	Priscilla March	John March Mary Rice
August 10	Peterborough	Marline Heller	Sam Katz Sophie Pollack
August 11	Peterborough	Estelle Legere	Jerimiah Vaillancourt Alma Adam
August 17	Peterborough	Stanley W. Peters	Ashford W. Peters Muriel Mckenzie
August 22	Peterborough	Ruth A. Moynihan	Michael F. Kilduff Annie Fisher

Date	Place	Name	Father/Mother
August 24	Peterborough	Walter E. Bursiel	Charles Bursiel Ella Dibbern
August 26	Peterborough	Raymond P. Smith	John H. Smith Alice Loranger
September 1	Peterborough	Kathleen R. Moore	Arthur Moore Edna Pray
September 12	Peterborough	Clare W. Hayes	Henry Wadleigh Julia Fincke
September 14	Peterborough	James R. P. Bell, Jr.	James R.P. Bell, Sr. Frances M. Hoyle
September 15	Peterborough	Gladys C. Parzini	Albert Waller Berthan Hudlowe
September 24	Peterborough	Roland H. Myhaver	Harold C. Myhaver Maud B. McGilvary
October 3	Peterborough	William Barry	William Barry Dora McLaughlin
October 18	Peterborough	Maurice Blodgett	Floydd K. Blodgett Clara Gass
October 28	Peterborough	Doris F. Boothby	Frank Folsom Helen Ames
October 30	Peterborough	Robert H. Cowart	Wade H. Cowart Addie Tompkins
October 31	Peterborough	Peter Vanni	Jocondo Vanni Beatrice McDuffee
November 2	Peterborough	Gladys C. Black	Auburn J. Day Abigail A. Underwood
November 7	Peterborough	Ruth R. Greewood	Reuben Rikert Iantha Coffin

Date	Place	Name	Father/Mother
November 13	Peterborough	Richard Aittama	Richard A. Aittama Lillian Goninen
November 14	Peterborough	Annabell L. Price	George Little
November 16	Peterborough	Dagmar C. Brickley	Ernest P. Russell Maria C. Stjernsten
November 17	Peterborough	Alice R. Lent	Samuel Raynor Carolyn A. Steward
November 22	Peterborough	Noe Teixeira	Manual Teixeira Luzia De Sa
November 23	Peterborough	Evelyn M. Croteau	Hubert Mills Alexandrina L'Heureux
November 29	Peterborough	Nancy B. Camp	Francis H. Bigelow Edith Jordon
December 6	Peterborough	Max L. Dawdy	Alfred Dawdy Elizabeth Garrity
December 18	Peterborough	Katharine F. Billings	William P. Fowler Susan F. Smith
December 23	Peterborough	Martha M. van Lennep	Joel H. Richardson Arlene Moore
December 24	Peterborough	Eda Johnson Conrey	Fred O. Johnson Mary Miller
December 26	Peterborough	Edson Schreinert Outwin	Edson L. Outwin Mathilde Schreinert
December 26	Peterborough	Elinor Grace Beverstock	Fred Parker Waite Grace Herrick
December 29	Peterborough	Harry Daniel Weathers	Harry Daniel Weathers Kate Walker
December 31	Peterborough	Herbert T. Randall	Robert Randall Emilie Weyand

1997 TOWN EMPLOYEE WAGES

EMPLOYEE	GROSS WAGES	EMPLOYEE	GROSS WAGES
Ahl, D.	516	Desrosiers, P.	21,905
Ainsworth, L.	26,810	Dickie, J.	29,212
Babb, C.	953	Dodge, J.	35,556
Baker, H.	518	Dodge, R.	43,665
Baker, J.	17,658	Dubois, R.	38,719
Bates, R.	52,203	Estey, K.	1,335
Bell, S.	1,408	Estey, Q.	103,126
Belletete, E.	41,821	Fontaine, M.	147
Bellinger, D.	40	Foster, M.	4,350
Berube, J.	715	Fournier, S.	1,129
Berube, R.	1,078	Freeman, D.	195
Bingham, M.	986	Garabrant, J.	29,998
Bishop, D.	436	Geisel, A.	49,721
Black, S.	49,721	Geisel, R.	16,348
Blanchard, D.	1,896	Giammarino, B.	5,393
Blanchette, T.	25,068	Goodwin, C.	134
Bowman, E.	1,616	Grant, C. J.	493
Bowman, R.	2,523	Guinard, S.	49,046
Brenner, P.	60,491	Hadley, D.	31,196
Brinkley, D.	2,067	Hall, J.	1,295
Brown, J.	1,458	Hamberg, D.	13,309
Bryant, C.	2,029	Hamill, K.	33,586
Bryant, N.	11,318	Hampson, J.	573
Bryant, S.	1,051	Harrison, A.	650
Butler, J.	30,259	Hautanen, B.	2,778
Cabana, A.	80	Hoadley, S.	1,693
Caisse, M.	29,291	Hobbs, S.	3,551
Carabello, C.	539	Ineson, T.	80
Carter, D.	902	Johnson, M.	60
Chamberlain, B.	1,122	Jutras, C.	120
Chandler, P.	909	Jutras, R.	42,984
Chapdelaine, M.	274	Jutras, V.	162
Chase, E.	56,441	Keating, T.	720
Chollet, R.	1,750	Kepner, L.	38,893
Chrisitan, R.	31,669	King, L.	317
Christian, K.	1,500	Kong, S.	30,626
Christian, L.	2,506	Kruger, B.	738
Christino, G.	32,205	Lagace, J.	699
Clark, E.	2,023	Lambert, R.	35,766
Cleary, S.	823	LaRoche, J.	27,337
Cleary-Nichols, C.	1,574	Launh, D.	834
Cobb, P.	1,960	Leedham, C.	1500
Collard, S	2,610	Lemay, D.	210
Conroy, S.	40	Lenane, J.	8,972
Crane, V.	134	Lougee, A.	13,456
Creeley, M.	2,001	Luebbermann, G.	7,211
Davis, J.	354	MacEachran, E.	1,479
Davis, Jr., R.	5,338	MaGuire, M.	974

EMPLOYEE	GROSS WAGES	EMPLOYEE	GROSS WAGES
McCall, B.	49,514	Sebor, M.	37,329
McIntyre, M.	3,340	Speeney, N.	1,372
McPherson, B.	638	Stickney, R.	5,348
McPherson, C.	2,616	Stone, M.	21,857
Merrifield, L.	46,848	Swanson, A.	16,679
Meuse, K.	1,568	Sweeney, V.	20
Monkton, C.	15,966	Sweet, D.	465
Morrill, Jr., F.	37,735	Sweet, Jr., W.	768
Myhaver, G.	2,641	Sweet, K.	48
Nelson, R.	22,785	Sweet, Sr., W.	465
Norton, A.	9,886	Sysyn, P.	62
Norton, L.	3,370	Tarrio, C.	168
O'Brien, E.	2,768	Thibault, Joseph	279
Page, J.	13,435	Thibault, Julie	3,148
Paradise, H.	9,564	Thibault, P.	4,309
Parker, R.	80	Thibodeau, J.	20,686
Parkhurst, D.	2,581	Vaihinger, N.	41,167
Patten, R.	1,667	Wakefield, M.	1,076
Pearsall. N.	319	Wakefield, R.	100
Peterson, D.	60	Wakeman, G.	31,244
Peterson, M.	1,633	Walsh, S.	48
Peterson, W.	50	Wattendorf, M.	35,618
Pettee, M.	36	Weeks, T.	42,984
Priest, M.	71	West, M.	38,433
Reed, R.	5,922	Wetherbee, A. C.	27,969
Reilly, R.	736	Whitney, A.	2,377
Rodeniser, K.	2,835	Whitney, D.	500
Roeun, M.	35,849	Wilder, R.	38,835
Roeun, S.	25,849	Winters, B.	3,308
Ross, L.	1833	Woodbury, R.	20
Runyon, C.	20	Woodbury, T.	2,182
Ryder, M.	42,572	Woodward, P.	3,087
Ryner, P.	47,536	Young, G.	28,368
Sarkisian, B.	176	Young, Jeremy	1,139
Scraggs, K.	604	Young, Jessica	1,390
Scraggs, T.	627	Young, N.	3,294
Seavey, P.	2,339	Zwirner, M.	2,321

NOTE: THE ABOVE 1997 ANNUAL GROSS WAGES INCLUDE FIFTY THREE (53) PAYWEEKS.

TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1997

ASSETS	
Cash	$3,157,145
Temporary Investments	100,000
Taxes Receivable	916,500
Accounts Receivable	1,244
Due From Other Governments	196,848
Due From Other Funds	230,755
Property by Tax Title and Lien	25,304
Prepaid Expenses	283,863
TOTAL ASSETS	$4,911,659
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	$192,579
Accrued Liabilities	18,553
Retainage Payable	30,404
Due To Other Governments	2,738,157
Due To Other Funds	2,538
Deferred Revnues	65,164
Total Liabilities	3,047,395
Fund Equity	
Reserved for Encumbrances	64,617
Reserved for Prepaids	283,863
Undesignated	1,515,784
Total Fund Equity	1,864,264
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$4,911,659

DRAFT SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

General Population Characteristics

County	Hillsborough	
Labor Market	Concord/Manchester/Keene	
Distance to	Concord, NH	36
	Manchester, NH	40
	New York, NY	226
	Montreal, Canada	261
Temperature - Annual Average		44.9
January Average		20.9
July Average		67.6

Largest Employers

Downtown	600
NH Ball Bearings	500
CONVAL	540
NEBS	300
Monadnock Comm. Hospital	300
EMS	188
Millard	138
Harborside	105
Connell	80
RiverMead	45

Municipal Services

Town House Hours	M-F 8:30 - 4:30
Town Clerk	
Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Meeting
Planning Board	Appointed
Zoning	1970/97
Master Plan	Yes
Capital Improvement Plan	1997
Town Fire Insurance Rating	Five/Nine

Housing (1997)

Single Family Units	1428
Number of Building Permits	113
Multi-Family Units	974
Mobile Homes	39
Median Gross Rent	506
Median Housing Costs	$147,200

Community Services & Recreation

Churches	11
Hotels/Motels	1
Bed/Breakfast Establishments	2
Total Overnight Rooms	26
Shopping Centers	2
Cinemas	1
Live Theater	4
Museums	2
Municipal Parks	5
Swimming	2
Tennis Courts	3
Golf Courses	1
Bowling Center	1

Other Recreation
MacDowell Dam/MacDowell Colony

Taxes

Tax Rate (per-thousand)	29.65
Assessment Ratio	1.05
Full-Value Property (Ratio)	$31.12
1997 Valuation Residential	181,484
Comm./Ind.	71,307

Demographics/Population

1997	1990
5572	5239

1990 Population By Age

5 and under	479
6 to 17	779
18 to 29	743
30 to 59	2024
60 to 69	479
70 and over	735

1995 Employment & Wages

	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wages
Manufacturing	46,621,024	715.53
Non-Manufacturing	77,491,623	475.09
Private	124,112,647	542.72
Local Government	1,689,641	350.91
Private plus Gov.	126,877,316	540.28

Nearest Hospital

Monadnock Community
Total number of doctors.....33
Total number of beds.....62